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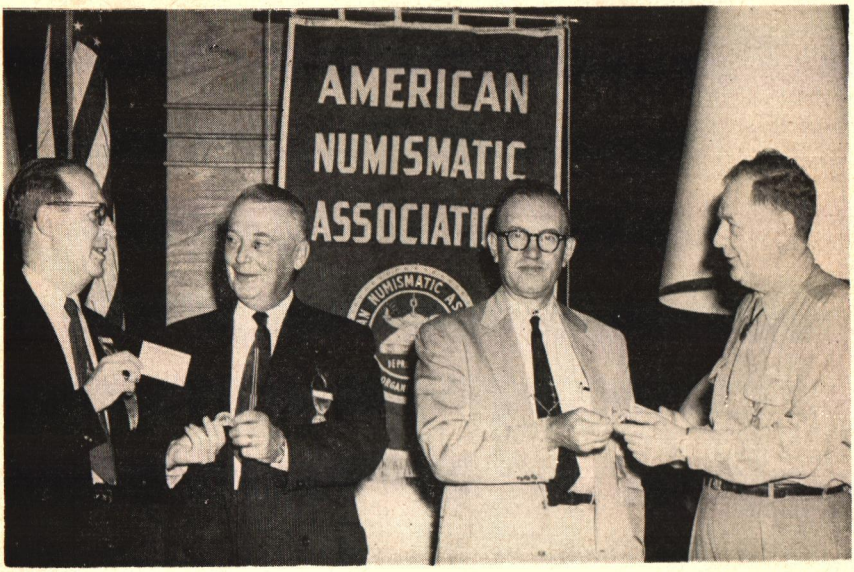

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A brief history of a famous coin

THE ENGLISH SHILLING

by

KARL ZIEBARTH

NO COIN of any other nation can excel the English shilling as a record of a nation and a people. These small pieces of silver show the life of a whole country for 450 years. They record the rise and fall of 23 kings and queens, beginning with miserly Henry VII and ending with the present gracious queen. They have seen the rise of England from a small island nation to the greatest power on earth, and its gradual decline to the present day. At one time or another, the shilling has been the coin of nearly every nation in the world. It has been the legal tender of America, Central America (a deceased republic), Flanders, France, Egypt, India and South Africa, to name a few.

But what is this coin? Where did it come from? Whence came its name? To begin with, there is a great difference of opinion as to the origin of the name. One authority says it comes from *sicilius* (L. quarter-ounce) or from the Anglo-Saxon word for scale. Two others say it comes from *skilling* (Anglo-Saxon; *skil,* to divide; *ling,* a bar). Whatever the origin, it has been the money of the English people from time immemorial, yet there was no coin to represent it until about 1504. Now it is struck in copper-nickel and is about the size of our quarter. Even in its present debased state it is still a reminder of the heritage of a civilization which we have received from our English ancestors.

Let us take a quick look at the science of numismatics. The study of coins is not an old one. It dates, perhaps, from the Renaissance, but took its first real step forward during the 18th century. There have been a few giants and many lesser collectors and the science is now well established. Since coins are very personal things, few collectors will part with them, so that it is not as easy to build up a complete collection as in stamps.

Money is essentially a medium of exchange; a measure of work done. In simple terms, is it not easier to work at one job and receive pay in coin, then take a dollar of it to go to a movie rather than to work for the show owner for an hour? Money will always be gold and silver (and other precious metals to a limited extent) whether kings and rulers like it or not. The United States will eventually return to the gold standard, this year or 50 years hence.

An important factor of money is Gresham's law, which can be most simply stated like this: Bad money drives good out of circulation, which is to say that if the United States began to issue base half dollars, say 50% silver instead of 90%, some people would begin to hoard good halves and pass on the bad. The British have had a number of sad experiences with this which will be related later.

Over the past 2650 years of coin issue, there has been a continual debasement of money by rulers and governments. The consequent inflation has been the direct cause of toppling more than one government during these 26 centuries. Basically, rulers cannot change this fact: gold and silver is the coin of the people and always will be.

Before we go further we should define some terms of the science generally used in speaking of English coins. The obverse is always the head side, or in the case of commonwealth coins the single

Karl Ziebarth of Taos, N. Mex., is one of the younger set who has a flair for numismatic writing, as this well considered paper indicates.

shield is the obverse. A head shows only part of the neck and is undraped. A bust shows the shoulder and collarbone, and is clothed, armored or draped. A flan is the term generally used to describe the piece of metal on which a coin is struck, in preference to planchet. Milling is a misnomer which refers to the edge of the coin when serrated (look at the edge of a silver coin and you will see it) which really should be called reeding or graining, yet it has continued in use as the term for a serrated edge. The *m.m.* and *i.m.* are quite different and misleading marks. The *i.m.* is the initial mark or the impression mark. Before the Commonwealth it was changed every three months or a year and is very useful in fixing the time of undated coins because many of the pyx records have survived. The pyx trial was a running assay, taken every three months to a year to insure the quality of the coin. A pattern is a coin of different design from the regular issue, though it may be adopted later, often in proof condition. For instance, the 1786 shilling though with minor differences, is of the 1787 design. It is considered a pattern because of minor differences, earlier date and the condition is almost always perfect, implying that they were not issued for circulation. It is sometimes very difficult to say whether a coin is a proof or a pattern and there is no easy way to tell the difference. With this in mind we will turn to our subject; the English shilling.

The shilling had been used from Norman times as a money of account, worth 1/20 of the Tower pound (5400 grains), so a shilling was supposed to be 270 gr., though by the weight of the penny it ran nearer 250 gr. It was equal in buying power to perhaps $20 during the 14th century. However, until the time of Henry VII no coin was struck of shilling value, though groats (4d) were struck as early as 1279.

To Henry VII must go the everlasting credit of reforming and modernizing English coinage and introducing the shilling or testoon as it was then called. (Testoon from F. *teston*, great head). The king himself was miserly, cruel and a trifle dishonest, as he later clipped groats and forced his people to accept them at full value under pain of death. It has been said that a coinage reflects the character of a monarch more truly than any book or chronicle, and I am inclined to agree in this case. There was no war, no economic crisis and the king was fabulously wealthy. It shows his true, greedy character.

Henry VIII

Whatever his motives, this monarch did introduce the coin and with it one of the most enigmatic of men, Alexander of Brugsal. Of him we know nothing beyond the fact that he came to the mint in 1494 and that he was one of the most skillful of engravers. When he was born and when he died we do not know but during the time he served Henry VII he produced dies for the first true English portrait coinage since the time of Offa, King of Mercia, in the eighth century.

The first shilling or testoon was struck in 1503 or 1504. It is definitely a pattern. It has the crowned bust facing right, surrounded by a plain circle and a beaded circle and

the beautifully engraved letters: HENRIC*SEPTIMS*DI GRA*REX* ANGL*Z*FR. The reverse has a quartered (by cross fleury) shield with the royal arms on it and the legend POSVI DEVM*ADVITORE* MEVM. It is a full round coin on a half dollar sized planchet, weighing 144 grains. There were evidently a great number of dies as the legends vary a good deal. All of them show the hand of the master engraver. The coin, however, was not issued for circulation until the death of the king in 1509.

Edward VI

When Henry VIII came to the throne of England he possessed almost unlimited wealth, but unfortunately also an almost unlimited capacity for spending it. Henry cared not a whit for any other person and did as he pleased. If it cost the people's wealth or a man's life it mattered little. Keeping this in mind we will follow the debasement of the testoon.

For the first 35 years the testoon was not issued, but its theoretical value was slowly reduced. In 1536 the coinage was issued at the old fineness of approximately .925, but the weight was reduced from 144 grains to 128 grains, giving the king an immense profit for a few months.

In the meantime the king, Henry VIII, had used every trick of his father and a few of his own. He was aided and abetted by his able and unscrupulous ministers, Thomas Cromwell and Cardinal Wolsey. To mention a few of their unfair measures: They would charge a wealthy man with treason and attaint his estate. It kept Henry in pocket money. They devised taxes, clipped coins, accepted foreign subsidies. When Henry broke with the church, he seized the church land, wealth and revenues which filled his treasury for a time.

In 1544 a very confusing silver coinage of various finenesses was issued. The shilling was of approximately 120 grains weight and anywhere from .750 to .667 fine. It was issued at both London and Bristol by different mint masters. This issue, for all its faults, had the redeeming feature from the numismatic point of view of the fine full face portrait in high relief with reverse device of a crowned rose.

When Henry died, nine-year-old Edward VI came to the throne. More inclined to take a placid scholarly view of things, the king nevertheless took a real interest in the coinage (attested to by his personal diary) and made some personal attempts to remedy the situation. However, it was not until the Seymours were removed that any real progress was made.

The first coinage of shillings was issued in the name of Henry VIII with the testoon probably struck at Bristol. To add to the confusion there was a concurrent issue with the head and title of Edward VI. It was struck at the Durham House, Strand, probably by John Bowes (the *i.m.* is a bow). The coin is dated with the legend: TIMOR DOMINI FONS VITE MDXLVIII. Then, while both these issues were being struck, a second Edwardian coinage was issued at Canterbury, Southwark, Durham House and Bristol with various initial marks. These last were of 80 gr., .500 fine or 60 gr., .667 fine, in any event containing 40 gr. of pure silver while the Henry coinage had prob-

ably between 60 and 70 gr. of pure metal. The Edward issues were also dated MDXLIX and MDL. Finally in 1550 these chaotic issues were suspended and a full coinage was struck in proportion to the penny of 8 gr. The shilling is undated but has a mark of value and is of good though not superior workmanship. It weighs 96 gr. and is .916 or .920 fine. Even so, to supplement the fine coin, a base shilling of 80 gr., .250 fine, was issued, dated MDL or MDLI. In spite of the confused and seemingly meaningless efforts of the authorities, the silver was restored to within a fraction of its true fineness.

A more important and further reaching result of these chaotic 10 years was the establishment of our modern banking system. Bills of trade, deposits, withdrawals, even a primitive money draft (forerunner of the check) came into use because the king could not be trusted. The accounts were kept in weight of silver and gold, rather than in pounds, shillings and pence.

Of the brief and tragic reign of Mary, little can be said. She maintained the .916 fine silver standard and 96 gr. weight. The shillings were first issued in 1554 with the facing portraits of Philip and Mary. A few were dated 1554 and had the Spanish and Neapolitan (Naples) titles added. These were very unpopular and were removed the same year but the facing heads were left. Another coin was issued with the head of Mary on one side and Philip on the other with the Spanish and Neapolitan titles only. It might have been a pattern for either a shilling or possibly a Spanish real or two-real piece, though it seems hardly credible.

When the first Elizabeth came to the crown the country was more or less bankrupt, as Philip had drained off the excess coin for Spain. The shilling was issued for the first four years and then suspended. The 80 gr., .500 fine, and 60 gr., .667 fine, shillings were countermarked with a portcullis, etc., for 4½ or 5 d. The 80 gr., 250 fine, silver for 2½d. Some shillings of Elizabeth are found stamped with the Zealand arms and sometimes an H which denotes the silver sent to Holland and Flanders as a subsidy against the Spanish.

In 1560 the coinage was issued at full weight and fineness of .925. The following year the shilling was suspended and the base testoons called in. The silver taken in by this

Philip and Mary

Elizabeth I

measure was refined at Antwerp and struck into small silver coins. During the next 20 years there came to the mint two interesting figures. One was Derrick Anthony who was very skilled in the art of engraving. The other was Eloye Mestrell, a renegade Frenchman, who brought the mill press to England. Working together these two men produced some very handsome milled pieces marked with a mullet (star) during 1574-75. Anthony, we believe, stayed on at the mint for a number of years. Mestrell, however, left and the crown of England and Scotland. Here *i.m.* comes into its own. It was changed every year and the pyx records are quite complete so that very accurate dating can be obtained. The portraits are efficient but uninspired. In 1619 a new coinage with an excellent portrait was produced which continued until 1625 when James died.

The ill-fated king, Charles I, was distinguished for two things as far as his coinage goes. He never debased it and all of his legends show his desire for peace. His first and

James I

Charles I

was executed a few years later in 1579 for counterfeiting. In 1582 the shilling was again issued, as it has been ever since, the public having forgotten the unpleasant days of the early Tudors. In 1601 the weight of all the coins was reduced; the shilling to approximately 91 29/31 gr. at which weight it ran for nearly 200 years.

In 1603 James I issued his first coinage, with the title IACOBVS DG ANG SCO FRAN ET HIB REX. In the late part of the next year a second coinage was issued with the title IACOBVS DG MAG BRIT, etc. Both refer, as does the reverse legend QVAE DEUS CONIVNXIT NEMO SEPARET, to the union of only royal issue was struck continuously from 1625 to 1649. It is of fine design, with the reverse having an ornate garnished shield and the legend CRISTO AVSPICE REGNO.

During 1638 a mint was established at Aberystwyth, near the Welsh border to strike Welsh silver. This uses the three banded plumes to denote the origin of the metal, and perhaps the king was paving the way with rare foresight for the ensuing struggle with parliament. The work of this mint was of fine quality and evidently many of the dies were saved when the town was captured during the war, as they are muled with dies of Shrewsbury,

Oxford and Bristol. Later in 1645 and 1646 the town was retaken by the royalists and produced coinage for a short time, but the work was crude and was produced in conjunction with Coombe Martin.

The famous declaration type which is often used reads: RELIG PROT LEG ANG LIBER PAR, which may be translated as "Protestant religion, English laws, freedom of the parliament." These coins are not of good work but are dated.

Nicholas Briot was a great French engraver and striker who first came to Charles in 1625. He produced a test run coinage in 1631 and 1632, also in 1638-39 with the mill press. He helped to open the York mint in 1642 and produced the excellent coinage which was struck there. This issue was suspended after the battle of Marston Moor in 1644. Briot died in 1646 and the coins struck afterward show the lack of his hand. Though technically not as good an engraver as Alexander of Brugsal, he produced a few larger coins of excellent design.

At Oxford, Rawlings was the engraver and all of the coins are of the declaration type. The engraving was fairly skilled and considering the crude machinery available, these dated coins were of very good workmanship. Bristol had the dated declaration type of crude workmanship which was struck from 1643 to 1645. When the town fell in one of the later wars, the mint was removed for another year to Lundy Island.

Truro struck ordinary type coins with an oblong shield and with or without a royal monogram CR. Exeter struck both shield and declaration type coins of which some are dated. Weymouth evidently drew on local talent for its dies. Though the style and striking are crude the portrait is vigorous and fairly realistic with the shield reverse. All of the above coins were of crude style and striking and all were struck after Charles's star was declining. They show the gradual decline of the royal fortunes and the eventual termination of organized resistance in 1646-47.

While the king was alive he made a number of unwise decisions and some that were stupid, yet never did he allow the coinage to be debased. An experiment was made in 1626, though, and a shilling survives of an 81 27/44 gr. weight.

The *m.m.* for the various towns are York, EBOR; Aberystwyth, book

Commonwealth

Oliver Cromwell

and plumes; Oxford, OX; Bristol, BR; Lundy Island, A or B; Truro, *i.m.* rose; Exeter and Weymouth can be distinguished by various *i.m.*

At the close of this unhappy period the Protestant forces struck what are generally known as the Commonwealth coins. England, for a few years, was a republic (or dictatorship, depending upon your point of view) and struck coins with legends in the English tongue. The obverse has a shield with St. George's cross and surrounded with a wreath and the legend: THE COM-

Charles II

MONWEALTH OF ENGLAND and the *i.m.* The reverse has two shields (called by the exiled royalists, the breeches, "a fit stamp for the coin of the rump parliament") and the legend: GOD WITH US.

During this time there was an extensive series of patterns occasioned by the appointment of Simon and Blondeau who were both fine artists. This brought on a clash between them and the old guard represented by Ramage. While East and Burgh, two terrible workmen, produced the crude breeches coins, the master artisans made some remarkable patterns. Ramage produced a beautiful coin of half crown size on a thin flan with a very good design. Even the breeches were "guarded by angels." This incidentally is also the reverse legend. Blondeau struck coins of the ordinary design but of such fine workmanship as to be almost dignified. Simon was occupied with the protector series. This was a full series of coins all with a magnificent head of Cromwell, the lord protector, with the reverse having a well-drawn though not inspired crowned shield and the date with the pious legend: PAX QVAERITVR BELLO.

Some of the die punches for this coinage escaped to Holland and the rest were made so that new dies were punched and a series of clever counterfeits were made about 1700. Then in 1739, Tanner, an engraver at the mint, decided to make another

James II

series of counterfeits (or restrikes, a polite term). All of these are rare and it is easy to distinguish between them.

Thomas Simon was, in my opinion, the greatest engraver who ever lived. He was born in Yorkshire in 1623. At the age of 12 he was apprenticed to Briot at the royal mint and lived through the tumultuous years of the civil war as recorded above. It is not at all unlikely that he accompanied Briot on some of his midnight trips for the king. Briot worked at the Tower mint for the protestants, but also slipped away to aid the royalists to whom he was really loyal. In 1646 at the death of Briot, Simon was appointed chief engraver of the mint. He did no work on coins until his appointment was confirmed 10 years later, contenting himself with a great number of medals and seals. When Charles II reclaimed his throne, Simon was appointed engraver. At

the great trial of skill in which Simon produced the most beautiful coin in the history of England, (a crown) and Roettier, to whose father the king was personally indebted, produced another crown of similar type, personal feeling won out over Simon's art and he was banished to work on 4d, 3d, 2d and 1d coins. This great and perhaps frustrated genius died in the great plague in London in 1665.

When Charles II came to the throne his first aim was to remove the hated coinage of the Commonwealth, so he had Simon engrave dies for a hammered coinage which was struck 1660-62. The first type has a crowned, clothed, tall bust of the king with no rings or mark of value. Type II has a mark of value

William and Mary

behind the head. The third type has both the mark of value and the inner circle. These coins, though hastily executed, still show the mark of the great engraver. In 1662 the trial of skill was held and Roettier designed the new coinage.

The dies were engraved and Blondeau erected the necessary machinery. The busts age as the king grows older. The first bust is rather young looking, laureated with profuse curls. It was used from 1663 to 1669. The reverse has four crowned shields with the arms of England, Scotland, France and Ireland arranged in the form of a cross, with crossed Cs in the angles, star in the center and legend; MAG BRI FRA ET HIB REX in bold letters. This, without details of lettering and the crossed Cs, is the general type for shillings until 1763.

The elephant below the head on coins of 1666 and the elephant and castle on coins of 1681 denote the silver bought from the African company. Plumes on the coins of 1671, 1673-77, 1679-80 denote Welsh silver. These marks, with one exception were used only with the second bust. This bust was used almost continually from 1666 to the end of the reign. It appears nearly every year both plain and with plumes. The third bust was used only one year, 1674, and coins of this die are rare. The fourth and last bust was used only two years, 1683-84.

During this long reign there were some very interesting varieties in the coins, both hammered and milled. The hammered legends in the coins vary greatly, from BRIT FRA ET HIB to BRI FR ET HI. The milled coins had upright reeding until 1668 similar to our modern

William III

coins and oblique (slanted) reeding from 1669 to 1798. During 1666 the obverse die was evidently lost or broken in the great fire as the obverse die for the guinea, a head rather than a bust, was used on a few shillings of that date. In 1666 and 1669 the second bust was used on only a few coins and they are very rare. Three or four are known of the former and one or two of the latter. Most of the coins from 1669 to 1684 are scarce or rare. The 1682 with the 2 cut over a 1 is very rare. Blondeau struck a few patterns with a rose, thistle, harp and fleur-de-lis in place of the shields with the legends rearranged so the date is between two crowns rather than divided by a crown as on the usual issue.

James II issued shillings for 1685-88, all of the type of Charles II but with a plain field rather than the crossed Cs. Roettier engraved the dies for this scarce coinage.

William and Mary jointly issued two dates only. These shillings in first class condition are fairly rare. The obverse design shows the conjoined busts of William and Mary with the title: GVLIELMVS ET MARIA DEI GRATIA. The reverse is of the usual type with the lion of Nassau in place of the star and the titles: MAG BRI FR ET HIB REX ET REGINA.

William III issued in seven years as many or more varieties than Charles II in 25. This was occasioned by the great recoinage of 1696-97. At the beginning of his reign most of the coins were of the early years of Charles II, due to the small issues in succeeding years and were badly clipped and worn. Old clipped and worn shillings were to be turned into the mint for redemption at no loss to the owner. To pay for this, however, the ridiculous window tax was enacted. Every house which had more than six windows was taxed at the rate of one or two shillings for each extra window. This was one tax that either everyone paid or boarded up spare windows.

To facilitate the recoinage, branch mints were opened at Bristol (B), Chester (C), Exeter (E), Norwich (N) and York (Y or y). They assisted the London mint during 1696-97 after which they were closed. In two years they struck more than 30 different varieties. There are innumerable errors, mules (coins with the wrong obverse and reverse; two obverses or two reverses struck together) and proofs. There are for the seven years, four known busts and a possible fifth one. The missing or unknown bust is called type II and occurs on all other large denominations in 1696. Every so often there is a lost bust or coin to tantalize collectors. Usually it is eventually found after many years of diligent searching and detective work. Not a year passes but that new dates and varieties are found of every coinage the world over. After the recoinage was completed the king continued to issue a regular and fairly common series, marked with roses for the west of England mines, or plumes for Welsh silver.

(To be continued)

A SATIRICAL NOTE FROM THE GERMAN INFLATION

By

James Webb

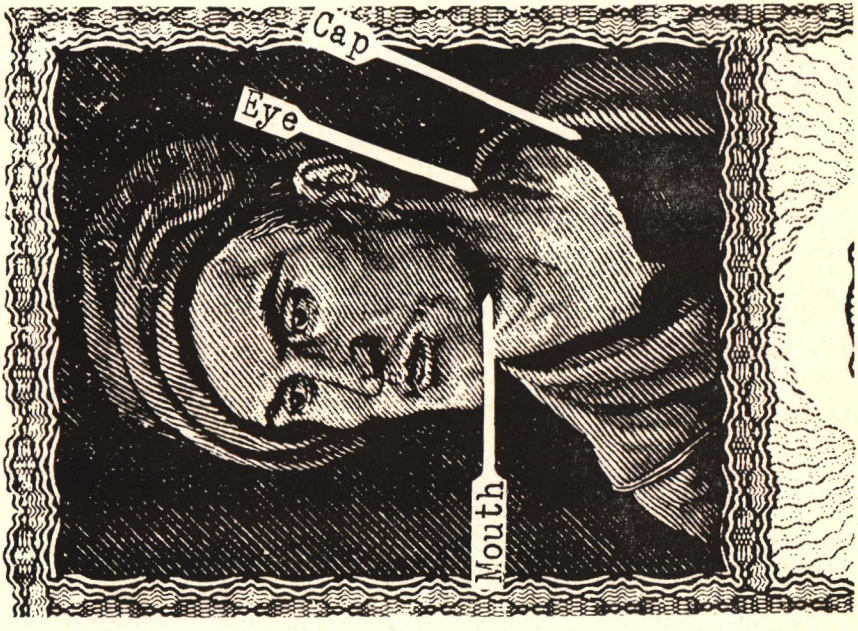
At the time of the issuance of this note, Germany was in the throes of inflation following the imposition of huge World War I reparations. With the government bankrupt and the people burdened by worthless paper money, a 10,000 mark note dated Jan. 19, 1922, was printed by the Reichsbank. Hidden in the vignette was a satire on the unhappy state of the country.

Upon this note there is a portrait of a young man who represents Germany. The head and cap of a medieval vampire sucking at his throat may be found. This creature represents France draining the lifeblood of Germany (i.e., taking the remaining bullion from the Reichsbank).

Perhaps the best way to locate this demon is to place the note on a flat surface with the obverse up. Turn the note so the left end is facing you. Place your left thumb over the entire face of the young

man; now carefully examine the area of the throat and you will find a hideous head wearing a cap.

This unusual story was told by an old German who lived through the Great Inflation. The writer has no way of confirming it, but has little doubt after seeing the detailed engraving.



Top, the 10,000 mark note, and below, an enlargement of the vignette showing a closeup of the supposed vampire.

Don't condemn Herodotus for failing to describe the coins of his day, for what modern historian does?

HERODOTUS, GRANDFATHER OF NUMISMATICS

By

CAPT. O. H. DODSON, USN, LM 78

IN THE fifth century, BC, the teeming seaport of Halicarnassus in southeastern Asia Minor echoed with strange tongues of shrill merchants, hawking peddlers and noisy sailors sobering up or awaiting a favorable wind. Along the wharves and in the bazaar the trade of the Mediterranean world was on display; linen, flax and glass from Egypt, cheese from Sicily, wheat from Ethiopia, olive oil, wine and pottery from Greece, amber from the faraway edge of the world, timber from nearby Lebanon, silk and jade from China, slaves from Africa, perfume from Arabia, tea and spices from India. As men haggled over goods, on the counter were thrown silver Athenian tetradrachms with the wide-eyed owl, staters with a crude turtle likeness from the mints of Aegina. These jingled with gleaming Persian darics, coins of almost pure gold.

Halicarnassus is well known to students of ancient coinage for here was found the earliest inscribed coin known, a silver stater probably struck at Ephesus, which may now be seen in the British Museum. Also at Halicarnassus, about the year 485 BC, the Greek historian Herodotus was born. We may be sure that his eager young mind sent him even as a youth to mingle with the motley crowd at the waterfront and in the marketplace, to watch in awe tanned Phoenician sailors, Greek mercenaries, skilled Lydian craftsmen, Carthaginians, Egyptians and Persians.

Forced to flee from home when a Greek revolt failed, Herodotus as a world traveler amassed an amazing record. He sailed, walked, and rode over much of the known world. His inquiring mind and restless curiosity carried him from Babylon in the east to Italy in the west, north to the mouths of the Dnieper and Danube and south to the cataracts of Upper Egypt. He trudged the tortuous route from Sardis in Lydia to the Persian capital of Susa. In the Mediterranean he visited Rhodes, Cyprus, Delos, Paros, Thasos, Samothrace, Crete, Samos, and Aegina.

By all the laws of chance Herodotus should have met his end on some deserted trail, for his was a century when brigands jumped any unprotected caravan. The sea was infested with pirates. Sailors dreaded losing sight of land by day, but feared even more remaining embarked when darkness hid the approach of rocks, shoals, or sea monsters. Storms by sea, wild animals and hostile natives by land showed travelers no mercy. Yet not once in his writings does Herodotus mention personal hardships or danger. Only an insatiable thirst for knowledge could have sent a man on these perilous journeys.

When about forty years old Herodotus reached Athens. Here he mingled with the great and near great, knew Pericles, became a friend of Sophocles. In the cool air of freedom and healthy intellectualism he was very much at home. Yet he could never be fully accepted at Athens for he was barred from Athenian citizenship. In 443 he accompanied a group of Athenian colonists who established a new home in Italian Thurii. In Italy

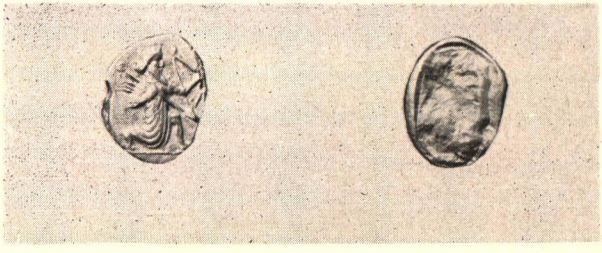
Capt. Oscar H. Dodson of the U. S. navy is currently on foreign assignment. He is a governor of A.N.A. and author of numerous articles on numismatic subjects.

and Sicily he passed the rest of his life, traveling about and recording for all future time his history of the Persian Wars. At Thurii, about 425 BC, he died.

This gifted historian, a cosmopolitan who loved men and stories about men, who believed in universal brotherhood, has recorded for all posterity a vivid account of the world as men knew it in his time. Soothsayers and muledrivers, bartering Carthaginians, hardy Scythian horsemen, kings and commoners all shed light on the culture and civilization of this era. He explained how the soil was plowed, the gods placated, daughters raised, wives chosen, and animals sacrificed. Cruelty appeared in the form of roasted human flesh, beheaded captives, and brides required to accept all male wedding guests.

We have a description of the huge stone tomb of King Alyattes of Lydia, the father of Croesus, a monument which still exists near the ruins of ancient Sardis, and know that the daughters of the common people of Lydia served as courtesans to raise money for the memorial. He recorded how Babylon was built, how the Egyptians mummified their dead, built and sailed their boats, used their calendar, and how those he interviewed believed the pyramids were built. To settle a dispute over Egyptian gods he traveled to Tyre in Phoenicia and tells of the richly decorated temple of Heracles, which contained "two pillars, one of pure gold, the other of emerald shining with great brilliancy at night."[1]

He admired the sea fighting skill of the Aeginetans, whose tiny isle introduced to Europe the art of coinage. The historian even noticed the proclivity of the hare to rapid reproduction and concluded erroneously that a rabbit is the only animal capable of conception while pregnant. From him we hear that the Scythian warrior drank the blood of his slain enemy, then skinned the skull and hung this gruesome scalp from his bridle-rein. The transplanting of the population of cities or even whole communities we find did not originate in modern times but was practiced by the ancient Persian kings.



Gold stater of Persia. Obv., bearded king, half kneeling, holding bow and spear. Rev., irregular incuse.

Herodotus also confirmed the earlier circumnavigation of Africa by the Phoenicians; he listed the wild life of Libya from elephants to three species of mice, and expressed the belief that the cold climate of Scythia prevented the oxen of that nation from growing horns. Our author described the colorful dress and listed the battle equipment of the vast invading army which Xerxes led to crush Greece, including their shields, quivers, arrows, spears, dirks, swords, lances, daggers, clubs, battle axes, javelins and scimitars. The Persian postal system we read used swift riders who were not deterred "by snow or rain, or heat or

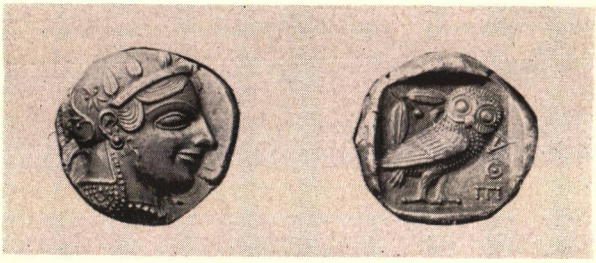
[1] II, 44

by the darkness of night."[2] These couriers, however, carried official mail only; this early postal system never developed to the point of commemorative stamps, valentines or first day covers.

Unfortunately, Herodotus had no understanding of numismatics or of archæology. If not in trade, certainly in the treasuries of old temples coins a century or two old must have been available to him, yet he fails to use their inscriptions, symbols, or other knowledge to help confirm his story of the past.

His history is replete with intimate details of contemporary daily life. Furthermore, in his travels the coinage of Aegina, Lydia and Persia, toms and ceremonies, the use of temples as storehouses of wealth and as a primitive banking system, the widespread acceptance of gold dust, we do find that in this field Herodotus provides a treasure trove of enlightening material.

For example, in spite of the wide circulation of Athenian and Corinthian coins throughout the western Mediterranean world in the time of Herodotus, there is an indication that Carthaginian sea traders still exchanged goods by silent barter. According to Herodotus, these merchant sailors landed, laid out their wares on the sand, then returned to their ships and made smoke signals to attract the local inhabitants.



Tetradrachm of Athens. Obv., head of Athena. Rev., incuse with owl, olive spray and decrescent moon.

of Athens, Corinth and Thurium, with a variety of style and execution, passed through his hands. In spite of these two considerations, his work tells nothing of the technique of striking coins, or of unusual coins which he surely encountered while traveling. Today's numismatist, interested in the ancient field, may be disappointed in this omission, but we must not condemn Herodotus. What modern historian has cluttered his work with description of current coins, stamps, tokens or railroad tickets?

However, if we consider the broad aspects of numismatics: barter, and the slow evolution from barter to coinage, evidence of the prolific striking of certain coins, the use of money or absence of its use in cus-

The natives on sighting smoke came to the beach, inspected the wares, left gold for items they wanted and withdrew. The Carthaginians then came ashore and, if satisfied with the amount of gold, accepted it and sailed. Otherwise they simply left the gold and wares, returned to their ships and waited. The natives then increased the proposed gold payment until the sailors accepted the offer and set sail.[3]

The kingdom of Lydia, the reader is told, long after the development of coinage, continued to produce gold bars. As one of many gifts to the oracle at Delphi, King Croesus "melted down a vast quantity of gold, and ran it into ingots, making them six palms long, three palms broad, and one palm in thickness."[4]

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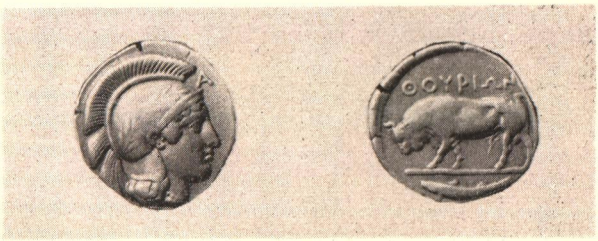
[2] VIII, 98
[3] IV, 196
[4] I, 50

Sparta is believed to have been the only city in Greece which retained the use of iron spits as money as late as the lifetime of Herodotus. However, we read of a beautiful and wealthy Greek courtesan, who lived in Egypt and who presented to the shrine at Delphi one tenth of all her possessions in the form of iron spits suitable for roasting a whole ox.

The kingdom of Lydia, Herodotus stated, had practically no wonders worthy of note except for the gold dust found in mountain streams. This comment the historian follows with the oft-quoted statement concerning the Lydians, "So far as we have any knowledge, they were the first nation to introduce the use of gold and silver coin and the first who sold goods by retail."[5] This introduction of coinage was made necessary by increasing world trade and was made possible by the advancing art of metallurgy. Few developments have exerted so much influence upon future generations.

We read that Croesus, the wealthy king of Lydia, sent two gold staters to each priest of the oracle at Delphi as a reward for giving the answers the ruler desired to hear; and that the king also rewarded a favorite Athenian with a gift of as much gold dust as he could carry away on his person. This man, so the story goes, clothed himself especially for the occasion with a baggy tunic at the waist, huge buskins on his feet, and thus equipped he loaded himself with the precious dust, even sprinkling some in his hair, and putting more in his mouth. On emerging from the treasury he was "scarcely able to drag his legs along."[6]

The rescue of Arion from the sea by a friendly dolphin is related. This legend is similar to the story of Tares who is shown riding safely astride a dolphin on some of the staters of Tarentum. The history records that Cambyses, ruler of Persia, during his invasion of Egypt, received from the Cyrenaeans a gift of 500 minæ of silver, but, thinking these 50,000 drachmas a paltry offering, the king snatched the money from the envoys and gave it to his troops. This same king when sending gifts to the Ethiopians, included "a purple robe, a gold chain for the neck, armlets, an alabaster box of myrrh and a cask of palm wine," but apparently no coins.[7]



Stater of Thurium. Obv., head of Athena. Rev., bull walking, in exergue a fish.

Herodotus also explained where the silphium grew in North Africa. This fabulous plant, now extinct, was highly prized throughout the ancient world for its food and medical value and for the perfume extracted from its flower. The importance of the cultivation of silphium is reflected in the coinage of Cyrene. For nearly two centuries on the money of this city appeared either a likeness of the entire plant, or of its fruit, sprouting bud, or a leaf.

Turning to the period of the wars

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[5] I, 94
[6] VI, 125
[7] III, 20

between Persia and Greece, here is recorded the division of the vast Persian empire under Darius into 20 satrapies, each ruled by a governor or satrap, and records of the annual tribute in silver, gold, gold dust, white horses, corn and boy eunuchs collected from the millions of subjects and sent by the satraps to Darius. The metal, Herodotus stated, was melted down and stored as bullion until required for coinage.

Almost a hundred years after Herodotus' death the armies of Alexander the Great captured the immense Persian treasuries in Susa and Persepolis. Alexander melted some of the gold, the metal reappearing as Macedonian staters. The greater part of the metal, however, was never melted but eventually found its way into circulation as bullion throughout western Asia, Greece and even in Rome.

On one occasion, when Darius sprained his foot leaping from his horse, the king was so pleased with the cure by a Greek physician that the ruler's wives went to a chest containing gold staters and each gave the Greek a saucer full of the gold coins. Herodotus does not tell us how many wives were involved, but he does state that a slave following the physician and picking up coins that dropped from the saucers gathered himself a "great heap of gold."

A further indication of the extensive coinage of Persian staters is found in the account of Pythius, a wealthy Lydian who entertained Xerxes as he was enroute with his armies to invade Greece. This Lydian made a contribution to the Persian war effort, so Herodotus stated, of 2,000 talents of silver and almost 4,000,000 gold Daric staters.

The Athenians, Herodotus explained, also had a surplus in their treasury from profits derived from their silver mines. This money was about to be divided, with 10 drachmas going to each adult citizen, when Themistocles persuaded them to use the money to build more ships for the navy. These vessels later contributed to the defeat of the Persian fleet at Salamis.

In his account of this naval battle, Herodotus acquaints us with a rare episode. Queen Artemisia of Halicarnassus not only furnished five triremes to the Persian fleet under Xerxes but also commanded these ships in battle. The Athenians, indignant that a woman should oppose them in battle, had proclaimed a special reward of 10,000 drachmas to any one who made Artemisia a prisoner. In spite of the Greek victory at Salamis the wily female admiral escaped capture.

The last effort of the Persians to conquer all Greece ended with the defeat of their army by the Spartans near Platæa in 479 BC. After this decisive Greek victory, Herodotus declared that the booty collected while destroying the Persian camp included furniture adorned with gold and silver, gold and silver plates, bowls, goblets and even kettles; the bodies of the dead Persians were stripped of bracelets, chains, and scimitars with gold ornaments; and in burning captured Persian ships many caskets of money were discovered.

These are some but not all of the indications Herodotus gave us of the use of precious metals and of money in his day. He was probably the first professional world traveler, sight-seer, lecturer and newscaster. He lived during a stirring period of history and with his own eyes saw the beginning of the fall of the Persian empire, and Athens in her Golden Age. Modern research and archæology have confirmed many of his statements which for centuries were dismissed by some as lies. Men everywhere listened to him while he lived, through 2400 long years other men have continued to read and enjoy his work, today against all the competition of modern living he still has an eager audience. Has there been any work published in this century which will stand such a test of time and still be read by man, if he survives, in the year 4300 A.D.?

A hundred years ago the Sydney, Australia, mint began operation, as did the Canadian mint.

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Dr. Judd has served the Association in an official capacity, and with high distinction, for more than ten years, as Member of the Board of Governors, First Vice President and as President.

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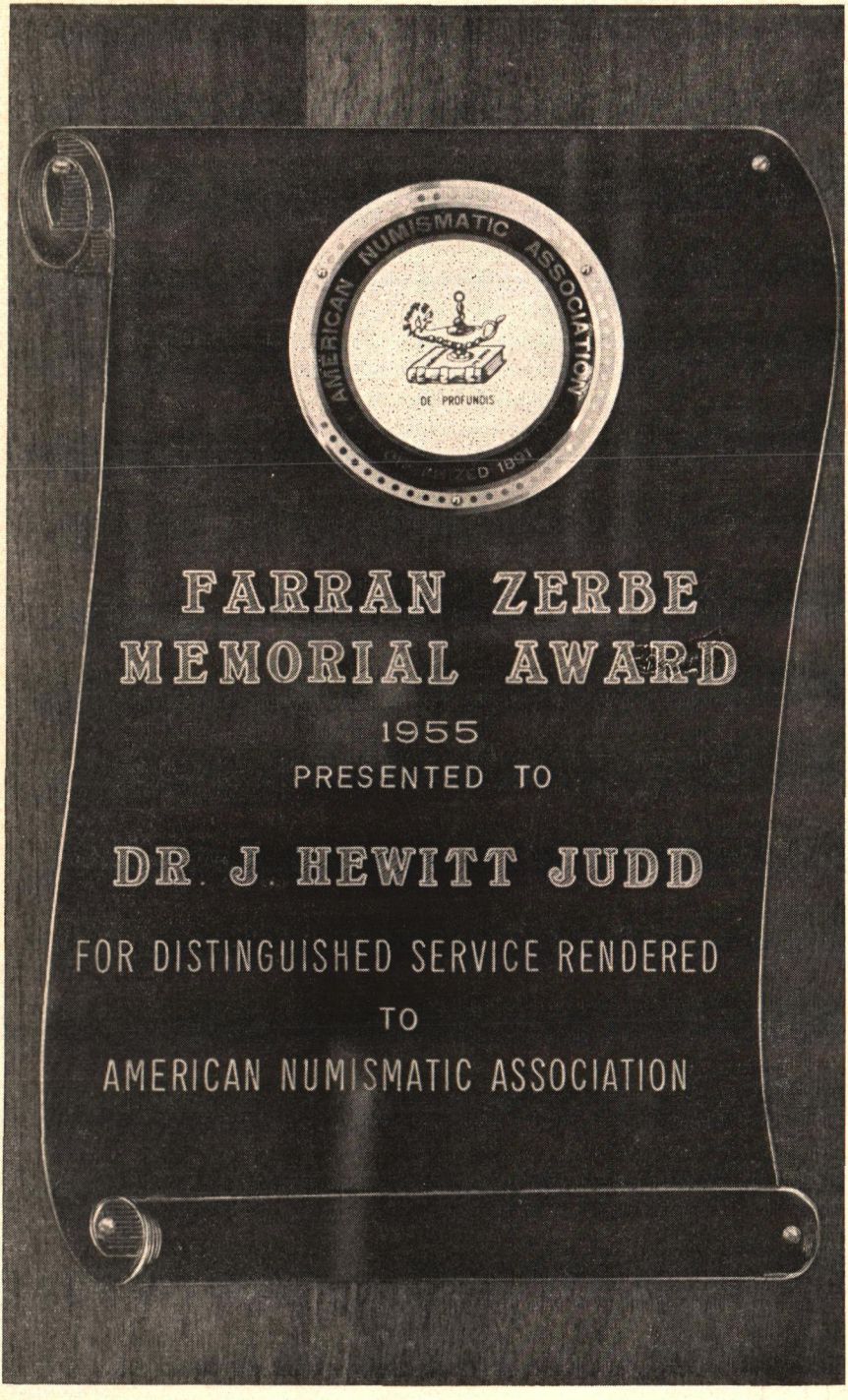
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Top of the Clubs

Editor's note: The following items were selected from this month's club reports because of newsworthiness and general interest.

Brookline Coin Club's Phil Williams, with a lot of coins and a new car, got mixed up with a hurricane recently. He recovered his auto but all that was left of his coins was a roll of large cents, common dates.

Cleveland Coin Club sold its numismatic library at auction and will use the proceeds for a Christmas party.

Hawthorne Coin Club awarded gold, silver and bronze medals to exhibit winners in the annual hobby show.

Sol Alexander of the **Long Beach Coin Club** recently visited Mexico and carried on an extensive search in remote regions for rarities. He talked with those connected with the minting of revolutionary issues as well as collectors. One of his acquisitions was the rare 60 peso Oaxaco gold piece, of which only 21 were minted.

Oklahoma City Coin Club discussed the matters of coin grading, speculation, and housing at the October meeting and concluded that a collector would be wiser to concern himself with building a fine collection and learning the numismatic and historical background of his materials rather than using it as a primary source for speculation.

Orange County Coin Club heard two speakers in September, John Stoppelwerth on U. S. currency and Charles Ruby on large cents.

J. V. McDermott, who owns one of the 1913 Liberty head nickels, gave a talk on the origin and history of the coin before the **Oregon Numismatic Society.**

Harmer Cole was awarded the **Philadelphia Coin Club's** certificate for the best prepared paper read before the club during the year, "The Washington-Carver Half Dollar."

More and more clubs are using the A.N.A. slides, which may be borrowed from Robert Gramberg, Custodian of Slides, 11015 S. Massasoit Ave., Worth, Illinois.

Exhibit oddments – Collection of "fakes," consisting of copies, restrikes, electrotypes, etc., of rare U. S. coins (Dr. M. W. Emrick, Harrisburg CC). Over 600 large cents, 1793 to 1857 (Edward Schwartz, Philadelphia CC). Seventeen Otto Schweizer medals (Julius Windner, Philadelphia CC). Wampum, spearheads, tomahawks (Fred Jarrett, Toronto CC). French piedforts and essais, 20th century (Irving Mertick, Brooklyn CC). Six silver dollars once used as teething pieces (Leonard Pettitt, Philadelphia CC). Dies from Carson City and San Francisco mints (Fred Monteagle, San Jose CC). Russian notes issued by White Russians (T. F. Morris, N. Y. Numismatic C). Commemorative coins showing ships (John Ohls, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society). Large cent carried as pocket piece for years by her grandfather (Catherine Love, Oklahoma City CC). Three books on large cents, Andrews, Doughty and Frossard (Rochester Numismatic Association). Bryan campaign button (D. L. Rhodes, East Bay CC). Small size U. S. dollar bill with rejection flag on obverse and white crease on reverse (Loren A. Stafford, Bergen County CC). Napoleon medals (Joe Lucas, Cleveland CC). Five pound and one pound gold coins of Egypt (William C. Berry, Chicago CC).

The General Secretary and his Staff
extend to each of the members
cordial greetings and best wishes for a

Merry Christmas

and a very

Happy New Year

LEWIS M. REAGAN

STRANGE MONEY OF THE WORLD

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(**Erratum** – On page 1093, Oct., 1955 issue of *The Numismatist,* last line, next to last paragraph, the date should be 1933 instead of 1913.)

JAPAN ORNAMENT MONEY

Asiatic Series No. 11

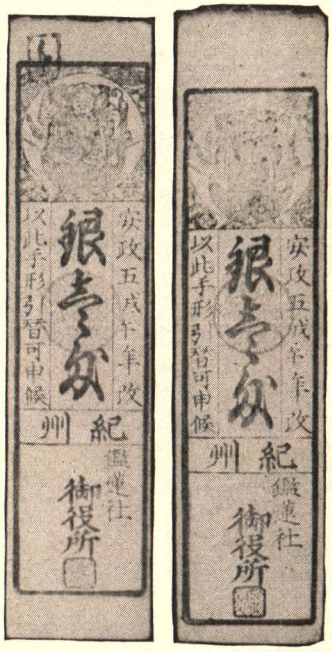
This rectangular silver coin was issued in Japan in 1765 and is called the *Tanuma go momme gin,* or five momme silver of Tanuma, and has an interesting history. Tanuma, a

high Japanese official, ordered all silver ornaments to be confiscated as useless luxuries and minted them into coins. His decree naturally led to much resentment among the female population, and its strict enforcement was one of the causes leading to his assassination.

JAPANESE CARDBOARD MONEY

Asiatic Series No. 12

These oblong cardboard notes were first issued in Japan at the beginning of the 18th century and served as currency, like our paper money, for some 160 years. They were issued by



governors, lords, and provinces from time to time in various denominations.

SILVER BU OF JAPAN

Asiatic Series No. 13

The rectangular coin of Japan below is a silver *bu* and was coined from 1837 to 1854. On the obverse is

the value, *ichi bu gin,* meaning 1 *bu* silver." The ornaments around the outer margins of both sides are cherry blossoms.

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NEW OR RECENT ISSUES

Described by ERNST KRAUS

It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate all new issues. Members, both in the United States and abroad, are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, 2006 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn 14, New York. The coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible. A credit line will be given to every new issue described.

Belgian Congo

50 Centimes, 1954. Aluminum. Obverse: Crowned arms between date, legend on top: BELGISCH CONGO BELGE , ON BOTTOM ; RUANDA-URUNDI. Reverse: Palmtree and value, legend above: BANQUE CENTRALE, below: CENTRALE BANK. (Lauren Benson.)

Ceylon

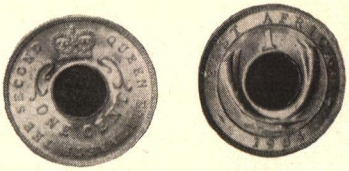
2 Cents, 1955. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Head of Queen, left, Inscription: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: On top, CEYLON, in center value and date below, on bottom, value in Malayan and Tamil. Scalloped planchet. (Numismatic Co. of America.)

China-Formosa

1 Chiao, 1955. Aluminum. Obverse: Bust of Sun-Yat-Sen, left. Inscription on top: The 44th year of the Chinese Republic. Reverse: Map of the island of Formosa, three characters superimposed on it: PROVINCE OF TAIWAN, value on side. Planchet smaller than earlier issue of same value, 19 mm., milled edge. (1 chiao is equal to a dime or 10 fen.) (Edward Kann.)

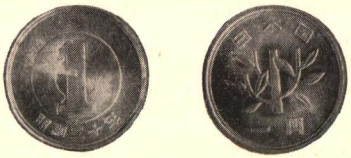
East Africa

50 Cents, 1954. Copper Nickel. Obverse: Head of Queen, right, inscription: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: Lion and mountains, inscription above: EAST AFRICA, lower half: FIFTY CENTS 1954 HALF SHILLING, numeral 50 (value) above date.



1 Cent, 1954, Bronze. Obverse: Crown above center hole, value below, inscription: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: Elephant tusks, EAST AFRICA and numeral 1 (value) above, date below. Holed planchet. (Lauren Benson.)

Japan



1 Yen, 1955. Aluminum. Obverse: Sapling in center, inscription: NIPPON KUO (The Japanese Nation)

above, value below. Reverse: Numeral 1 in circle, below: SHOWA 30th Year. (Vernon L. Brown, Curator, Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World.)

Lebanon

10 Piastres, 1955. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Galley, date below, inscription in Arabic and French: REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE. Reverse: Cedar tree and value, in Arabic: value 10 Guerch, in French: 10 Piastres. (Vernon L. Brown, Lauren Benson.)

Mongolia

20 Mung, Nickel. Date ??. Obverse: Arms in center with Mongolian inscription on the bottom, inscription around the arms in Russian letters but Mongolian tongue: MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC, date 350H. This is the Mongolian date; have no information as to corresponding Christian date.

15 Mung, Nickel. Similar.

10 Mung, Nickel. Similar.

5 Mung, Aluminum Bronze. Similar.

1 Mung, Aluminum Bronze. Similar. (Translation by Wm. L. Clark, Curator ANS Museum, submitted by Robert Friedberg, Gimbels Coin Dept. New York.)

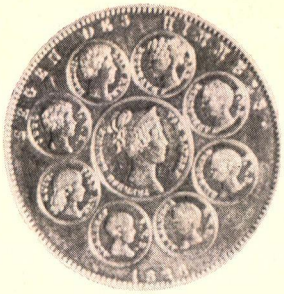
Seychelles

10 Cents, 1953. Nickel Brass. Obverse: Crowned head of Queen, right, legend: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: SEYCHELLES on top, value and date below, 12 sided planchet. (Lauren Benson.)

Thailand

5 Satang, 1954. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Bust of King in uniform, left, inscription: PHUMIPHOL ADULYADET (name of King) THE REIGN OF THE 9th RAMA (of the Bangkok Dynasty). Reverse: Arms dividing value, inscription above: STATE OF THAI, on the bottom date of the Buddhist Era 2497. (Lauren Benson.)

Worn-out Federal Reserve notes totaling 528,185,819 pieces amounting to $6,249,626,665 were officially destroyed in 1953.



A German king honored his immediate family on a commemorative coin and how that family turned out.

THE "BLESSINGS OF HEAVEN" THALER OF LUDWIG I OF BAVARIA

By
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Ludwig I, king of Bavaria from 1825 to 1848, was a student of the classics and contemporary poetry. As a patron of the arts he proved himself as great as any who had ever occupied a German throne. To him Munich owes her finest art collections and remarkable buildings.

The commemorative thaler of 1828 was one of 38 commemorative coins issued under Ludwig I. All of these commemoratives of conventional thaler denomination until 1837 and two thalers after that date were designed by Carl Friedrich Voigt, engraver for the Munich mint.

The reverse of the Segen des Himmels or "Blessings of Heaven" thaler, depicts the queen and her eight children. Reading clockwise the children are Crown Prince Maximilian, age 17; Mathilde, age 15; Adelgunde, age 5; Hildegarde, age 3; Alexandra, age 2; Adalbert, age 1; Luitpold, age 7; and Otto, age 13.

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Queen Therese had one other child, Theodelinde, who died in 1816 at the age of six months.

It should be interesting to follow the history of the nine persons appearing on this coin, and much of the article that follows is devoted to brief sketches which highlight their careers.

Ludwig I, who spent huge sums for the construction of beautiful buildings and the purchase of artistic treasures, was extremely cautious about expenditures for his personal needs and those of his family. Often the king could be seen in threadbare clothes, and it was common gossip that the royal family ate black bread at the palace.

In spite of the black bread, the royal family on this coin looks healthy and well fed. Queen Therese of Saxe-Hilburghausen was 36 in 1828 and as can be seen from the coin, a most attractive woman. When she married Ludwig in 1810 she was reputed to be one of the most beautiful princesses in Europe. Ludwig I had an eye for beautiful women and collected their portraits as well as miscellaneous works of art. He gave munificently to charity

but was sparing with his mistresses. The slogan "diamonds are a girl's best friend" had not yet become

Ludwig I
(Davenport No. 563)

universally accepted and the girls had to be content with an occasional statuette, a vase recently unearthed in Greece or their sovereign's verses. Verses were plentiful and cheap. Queen Therese died in 1854 at the age of 62. Ludwig was then 68, no longer king, but still most active and a patron of the arts.

Maximilian succeeded his father in 1848 after Ludwig I was forced to abdicate because of the public scandal associated with Ludwig's infatuation with Lola Montez, an Irish dancer and adventuress. In view of the circumstances under which Ludwig abdicated it seems strange that this event was commemorated by the issuance of a two thaler coin in 1848 showing Ludwig handing the crown to his son, Maximilian, on March 20, 1848. This coin (Davenport 597) is quite rare.

King Maximilian II issued five additional commemorative crowns during his reign and also appeared on another coin in 1842 at the time of his marriage to Marie, princess of Prussia (Davenport 588).

The two thaler coin of 1861-1864 (Davenport 608) depicts Maximilian as a handsome king in his early fifties. He died in 1864 at the age of 53.

Maximilian's two sons, Ludwig II, the mad king of Bavaria, and Otto, also insane, both ruled under the regency of their uncle Luitpold who appears on the Segen des Himmels thaler as a child of seven. It

Maximilian II
(Davenport No. 608)

is interesting to note that more than 20 members of the Wittelsbach family (the Bavarian royal line) had been insane during the last 100 years of their rule. In the 13th century the Wittelsbachs fell into the habit of marrying Habsburgs, a custom which was continued until the rule of the Wittelsbachs came to an end in 1918 after 1000 years of power.

Mathilde was married in 1833 at the age of 20 to Ludwig III, grand duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. She died in 1862 at 49 and apparently was never portrayed on any coin after her appearance on the Segen des Himmels thaler.

Adelgunde became the wife of Francis V, duke of Modena, in 1842 when she was 19. She held the title of duchess of Modena for 13 years from 1846 to 1859, but during most of this period the reactionary duke had to rely on Austrian assistance to keep his power. In 1859, the Piedmontese army won a victory over the Austrians and the duke lost his throne. He spent the remainder of his life in retirement in Austria. Probably, Adelgunde's only appearance on a coin was on the 1828 thaler in which she shared billing with her brothers and sisters.

Hildegarde, the three-year old child on the 1828 coin, married Albert, archduke of Austria in 1844 when she was 19. Her husband be-

came very well known as an army leader and writer. Hildegarde made no further appearance on coinage and died in 1864 at the youthful age of 39.

Very little information about Alexandra is available. She died in obscurity in 1875 at the age of 49.

Adalbert, the baby, was married in 1856 at the age of 28 to Amelia of Spain who outlived her husband by 30 years. He died in 1875 at the age of 47.

Luitpold, the seven-year-old boy with the long hair which gives him a feminine appearance, appears on Bavarian coins many years later as prince regent. This familiar portrait on the series of 1911 (Davenport 619) and also on the postage stamps of the period indicates that Luitpold still retained his flowing hair but shifted the location to his chin. Luitpold died in 1912 at the age of 92, a beloved figure and capable administrator, known for his tact and personal charm. In 1844 when 23 he married Augusta of Tuscany, an attractive brunette who bore him four children. Augusta died in 1864 at the age of 39. When he became regent in 1886 to rule for his insane nephews, Germany had already been molded into an empire under Bismarck. Bavaria, however, was accorded special privileges in the so-called Bavarian clause of the constitution and was allowed to issue her own stamps and coins.

Luitpold
(Davenport No. 619)

Otto, the second son of Ludwig I had an interesting career, much of which can be traced through coinage of the period. In 1832, while not yet 18, Otto was chosen by the conference of London to occupy the newly created throne of Greece. A commemorative thaler was issued in 1832 to honor this event (Davenport 568).

The separation of Otto from his family afforded another opportunity for Ludwig to construct a monument. In 1835 a commemorative thaler was issued depicting a monument erected on the separation of Queen Therese from her son, King Otto of Greece (Davenport 575). Again in 1836, Otto's departure from his fatherland was commemorated by the construction of a new chapel, and an attractive coin of 1836 portrays this chapel erected at Kiefersfelden (Davenport 579).

The first Greek coin with Otto's portrait is a silver 5 drachmai (Davenport 115) issued in 1833 and again in 1844, 1845 and 1846. This coin was also designed by Voigt of the Bavarian mint, who in 1828 portrayed Otto as a boy of 13 on the Segen des Himmels thaler.

Because of his father's reputation as a great Hellenist, Otto's selection was very popular with the Greeks and he was looked upon as a deliverer. He arrived in Greece accompanied by a council of regency composed of Bavarians and, when he came of age in 1835, was advised by his father to retain a Bavarian as chancellor of state. The Greeks

Otto
(Davenport No. 115)

became more heavily taxed than under Turkish rule. As one historian aptly stated it, "They had

exchanged government by the sword which they understood for government by office regulations which they hated." Otto was well intentioned, honest and inspired with a genuine affection for his adopted country, but it needed more than sincerity to reconcile the Greeks to his rule. His power rested wholly on the force of Bavarian troops, and when these troops were withdrawn in 1843, he was forced to grant a constitution and to appoint a ministry of native Greeks. To add to his difficulties, Otto's queen, the former Amalia of Oldenberg, was most unpopular.

A 5 drachmai Greek coin of 1851 shows a more serious Otto wearing a mustache and looking much older than his 36 years. Perhaps his serious demeanor foretold of the troubled years ahead (Davenport 116).

In 1862, while Otto was at sea, a provisional government was set up and a national convention summoned. Instead of returning to Greece, Otto and his queen went to Bavaria and never returned. Otto died five years later in 1867 at the age of 52.

Ludwig I lived until 1868, one year after Otto's death. Of the nine members of Ludwig I's family on the reverse of the Segen des Himmels thaler, Ludwig outlived five. He survived Therese, Mathilde, Hildegarde, Maximilian and Otto. He even outlived Lola Montez, the woman in his life most often associated with his name.

Numismatists who encounter any of the 38 beautiful commemorative coins of Ludwig I may be grateful to the grand old man of Bavarian art and culture. Completion of the Bavarian series of this period is a worthwhile objective for the crown collector.

PHILADELPHIA'S BANQUET

General view of the Philadelphia Coin Club's banquet Oct. 18. Large drum at left is Sun Oil Company's "Magic Barrel" which produced the evening's entertainment.

NEW MEDAL ISSUES

By

VITTORIO MANTELLI

(Translated from the Italian by courtesy of Vernon L. Brown and the Chase Manhattan Bank.)

In order to reconfirm the sovereign right of coining and before the expiration of the quincentenary of the fall of the Empire of David Angelo-Comneno, Emperor of Trebizond, which took place in 1461, the imperial and royal house of Angelo-Comneno di Tessaglia decided to issue a series of coins – without legal tender and for numismatic purposes only on the basis of the Extinct Monetary Convention of the Latin League of Geneva of 1865.

This series, which is to be sold exclusively in small cases supplied with authentic and progressing numbering, consists of:

Twenty francs gold coin weighing 6.45 grams, fineness 900. Obverse/ Michael . III . Angelus . Comnenus . Thess VS. 1955. Effigy on the left. Reverse/IN . HOC . SIGNO . . .

Top, five franc silver. Bottom, left to right, 10 centimes copper, 20 francs gold, commemorative medal.

VINCES . K . EX . ORIENTE . LVX. On the side of the coat of arms value 20 francs exergue: crayfish.

Silver coin of 5 francs weighing 25 grams, fineness 900. Obverse/Legend as above, but effigy to the right. Reverse/Legend as above, but on the side of the coat of arms 5 francs exergue: crayfish.

Ten cent coin, pure copper, weight: 10 grams. Obverse/Legend as above with effigy on the left. Reverse/Legend as above, but on the side of the coat of arms Ct. 10; exergue: crayfish.

The decree of issue of His Royal Majesty and R. Michele III Angelo-Comneno di Tessaglia, which is numbered 449, was given at Nice on 12/4/54. The said decree authorizes the issue of only 100 complete sets dated 1955, which are to be provided with the relative authentication signed by Prince Augustus.

A commemorative medal was also issued with the following description: Obverse/A . B . O . KOMN . NOCO . AI10C . EVIENLOC . 1458. Reverse/ Michael . III . Angelus . Comnenus . Tess . US . 1955. The silver medal 900/1000 weighing about 18 grams reproduces the last silver as per that Sabatier, in his monumental work *Description Generale des Monnaies Byzantines* (General Description of Byzantine Coins) printed in Paris in 1862 by Rollin & Feuardent, reports (Vol. II page 336) that it is believed to have been coined around the year 1458 by Basileus Davide. Even the said medal will be sold in a special small case.

The relative decree authorizes the issuance of only 100 copies. These also numbered and supplied with the relative authentication signed by Prince Augustus. The planning of the series for numismatic purposes as well as the medal is due to the well-known authority Dr. Cesare Gamberini di Scarfea, numismatic expert and consultant of the I. R. Augusta Casa Angelo-Comneno di Tessaglia who has signed the coins with one of the "crayfishes" from their old coat of arms. The plastic coins bear the signature of Prof. O. Piccione of Rome and the technical execution is due to the honored establishment of F.IIi Lorioli of Milan.

(Editor's note: These pieces apparently are a private issue and should be classified as medals, not coins, since they have no legal tender value.)

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED, BY MINTS, DURING SEPTEMBER, 1955

Denomination	Philadelphia	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER				
Half dollars	$ 15,164.00	.....	$ 15,164.00	30,328
Quarter dollars	2,163,582.00	.....	2,163,582.00	8,654,328
Dimes	123,032.80	.....	123,032.80	1,230,328
Total Silver	$2,301,778.80	.....	$2,301,778.80	9,914,984
MINOR				
Five-cent pieces	$ 1,515.20	.....	$ 1,515.20	30,304
One-cent pieces	529,653.04	$610,250.00	1,139,903.04	113,990,304
Total Minor	$ 531,168.24	$610,250.00	$1,141,418.24	114,020,608
Total Domestic Coinage	$2,832,947.04	$610,250.00	$3,443,197.04	123,935,592

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

None

CUMULATIVE U. S. MINT REPORT FOR 1955, JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, INCLUSIVE

(Giving the number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	2,715,026	.....	.....
Quarter dollars	16,149,026	.....	3,182,400
Dimes	12,668,026	18,510,000	6,726,000
Five cents	8,104,893	.....	74,464,100
One cents	175,321,893	44,610,000	327,212,500

NOTES FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

MRS. D. DEE DENISE, 139 E. 116th St., Seattle 55, Wash.

This comes to you from an exhausted and weary librarian who has just returned from a vacation and is seeking a complete rest. The rock hunting (my husband's hobby) in southern and eastern Oregon was very good, aside from two blowouts because of sharp, rocky roads, a bent flywheel due to high centers, a chrome strip torn off the car due to projecting rocks, and Pogo tangling with a rattlesnake who should have been hibernating in October! It is very good to get back to the calm and quiet of a half dozen daily orders for books.

For those of you who are interested in medals, Julius Windner has donated a beautiful book called J. OTTO SCHWEIZER by Ernst Jockers. Mr. Schweizer designed the head, which is on our A.N.A. membership medal, about 1916. His works are varied and extremely beautiful, and his sculptures are to be found all over the United States. The book (J-25) has 164 pages with 73 plates and many illustrations. It was published in Philadelphia in 1953.

Those who collect ancient Greece will be delighted to know that we have three volumes of Babylon ready for circulation. These were purchased from the Crerar library last year but had to be sent to the bindery. We have a fourth volume also but cannot promise when it will be ready because we do not have our work done in Seattle, the prices being much too high. (I throw this information in so that you will know that we try to be as careful of your money as possible.) Ready now are B-112, BITHYNIE (JUSQU'A JULIOPOLIS), 182 pages, 35 plates; B-113, NICEE ET NICOMEDIE, 178 pages, 34 plates; and B-114, PRUSA, PRUSIAS, TIUS, 65 pages, 13 plates. All of these are large folio size, and were published in Paris between 1908 and 1912. For the benefit of the uninitiated (and I fall into this class when it comes to ancients) they are written in French.

The GUIDEBOOK OF U. S. COINS (Y-2), 9th edition, and the HANDBOOK OF U. S. COINS (Y-4), 13th edition, have been received from the author, Richard Yeoman. You will find reviews of these two books in your November issue of *The Numismatist*, page 1181.

Gary Krug, Morris J. Hammell and Henry Mareska also donated books last month. Mr. Mareska sent three Glendening catalogs of 1906, 07, and 08. Mr. Hammell sent us two copies of Guttag's COINS OF THE AMERICAS (G-6). Mr. Krug sent the following: CANADIAN BANKS AND BANK NOTES by C. S. Howard (H-83); CONFEDERATE AND SOUTHERN STATES CURRENCY by Bradbeer (B-29); CONFEDERATE TREASURY NOTES by Chase (C-59); STATE BANK NOTES by John A. Muscalus (M-71).

Now all of you collectors of that green stuff are going to be happy about Robert Friedberg's new edition of PAPER MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES (F-19, 2nd edition). This has just been donated by Mr. Friedberg, and it is another book which calls for a line forming on the right, please. I'm sure we'll have to buy another one immediately. The book has 151 pages, is well illustrated throughout, and contains the current selling prices of large and small size U. S. notes, fractional currency and encased postage stamps from the first year of U. S. paper money, 1861, to the present.

From Seaby's Ltd. has come Vol. 11, Part 2, of ROMAN SILVER COINS – NERVA TO COMMODUS (S-167), 183 pages in catalog form, using Cohen's numbers and listing prices.

All of our donations are listed to date, and if I have inadvertently mislaid a book and not given due credit to a donor, will you please call it to my attention? The library is growing so fast that I now do not have enough shelves for all of the books, sometimes find one buried under manuscripts or catalogs. The problem is not to find another bookcase – there are plenty of those to be had. The problem is where to put it – we now have just three feet of wall space left down here!

I would especially call your attention once more to the notice on page 1199 of the November *Numismatist*. PLEASE do not send me orders for slides. Some of you did this while I was at the A.N.A. convention and again while I was on vacation in October. When I returned it was too late for you to get your slides even if I had sent the orders on to Mr. Gramberg.

Hope you all will find a 1909-S VDB in the toe of your stocking this Christmas!

Japan, a silver standard country 60 years ago in a world converted to the gold standard, was forced to reform her coinage laws and one of the by-products was a special stamp for the silver yen.

JAPANESE STAMPED SILVER YEN

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ACCORDING to coinage regulations of the 4th year of Meiji (1871), the coinage system of Japan was a gold standard. In 1878 the 1-*yen* silver piece, which had been coined for use in treaty ports only, was made legal tender. By Imperial Ordinance No. 12 of the 11th year of Meiji (1878), the double standard system of gold and silver came into being, but by 1897 Japan was living under a *de facto* silver standard system.

In 1873, the ratio between gold and silver was 1 to 15.5. In 1876, the ratio stood at 1:17.88. By 1879 it was 1:18; in 1885, 1:19; 1891, 1:20.92; 1892, 1:23.72; 1893, 1:26.49; 1894, 1:32.56; 1895, 1:31.60; 1896, 1:30.66; and in 1897, 1:39.70. The better ratios for silver in 1895 and 1896 were caused by mistaken beliefs that the Chinese indemnity would be paid in silver and that the silver party would win the United States presidential election.

Chief causes for the fall in the price of silver were attributed by the Japanese to the greatly increased output of silver since 1871 and the establishment of the German Empire, which undertook to unify the coinage systems of the various portions of the empire by replacing the silver currency then in use with gold. The Germans adopted a gold standard in 1873 and began to sell vast quantities of silver, causing its depreciation.

In 1873 the U. S. adopted a gold standard and stopped coining silver dollars, except trade dollars. France limited silver deposits at her mints. Norway and Sweden adopted gold standards in 1874, and the Latin Union countries limited silver coinage. In 1875, Holland stopped free coinage of silver and Switzerland ceased minting silver coins entirely. France, Belgium, Spain and Russia followed these examples in 1876, and the United States withdrew the legal tender qualification of her silver trade dollar. All these measures helped bring about a fall in the price of silver.

These fluctuations of silver price in the world's market at once influenced Japan's economic and financial condition, since she was a *de facto* silver standard country. Prices of commodities went up, speculation spread rapidly, and state expenditures increased because of the rapid depreciation in the price of silver.

English currency to be received by Japan as payment of the Chinese indemnity according to provisions of the treaty of peace signed April 17, 1895, paved the way for creation of the gold reserve necessary for adoption of a gold standard. The time was ripe for coinage reform.

Count Matsukata, minister of state for finance, submitted drafts of a coinage law to the cabinet council Feb. 25, 1897. The cabinet adopted the policy contained in the Matsukata memorandum March 1, 1897 and first reading took place in the house of representatives March 3.

The coinage bills introduced were approved in whole by a committee

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of 27 members, who reported to the house of representatives March 10. The bills were passed without amendment.

First reading in the house of peers took place March 15. A committee of 15 members reported the bills March 23, and they were passed without amendment as Coinage Laws 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the 26th day of March of the 30th year of Meiji (1897).

Coinage Law No. 16 provided that the weight of two *fun* of pure gold should be the unit of the coinage and should be called *yen*. Japan thereby adopted a gold standard and ceased minting the silver *yen*. Article 16 of the law stated, "The 1-*yen* silver coin hitherto issued shall be gradually exchanged for gold coin, according to the convenience of the Government, at the rate of one gold *yen* for one silver *yen*. Pending the completion of that exchange, 1-*yen* silver coin shall be legal tender to any amount, at the rate of one silver *yen* for one gold *yen;* and the prohibition of their circulation shall be announced six months in advance by Imperial Ordinance. If these coins are not presented for exchange within the period of five full years, reckoning from the day on which their circulation is prohibited, they shall be regarded thenceforth as bullion."*

The government set up a coinage adjustment fund for exchange and retirement of the silver *yen*. Careful research was made to determine the amount of silver *yen* which would be brought in for exchange with gold coins. Existing gold coins were given twice the value of gold coins issued under the new laws.

The gold coin quality was established at 900 parts pure gold and 100 parts copper; the silver coins (legal tender to the amount of 10 *yen*) at 800 parts pure silver and 200 parts copper. Nickel and bronze coins were made legal tender up to the amount of 1-*yen*. No provision was made for the minting of 1-*yen* gold pieces as they would be so small in weight as to be inconvenient for daily transaction. Gold pieces of 5-, 10- and 20-*yen* denominations were struck.

Foreign banks at treaty ports feared that if the Japanese retirement policy for the silver *yen* were to proceed as planned, it would lead to a change in the market ratio between gold and silver. They notified their customers, therefore, that after Oct. 1, effective date of the new

coinage laws, they would reserve the right to say whether specie payments could be made in silver or in gold.

This spurred withdrawal of the 1-*yen* silver coin. Coinage Law No. 5 of June 1, 1898, specified that "The exchange of 1-*yen* silver coins shall cease with the 31st day of July of the 31st year of Meiji (1898)."

The aggregate total of 1-*yen* silver coins retired under the laws and of the silver bullion corresponding to the promissory notes of the mint to pay coins, also retired, was 75,093,822 *yen* 4 *sen* 2 *rin*. Of this sum, 27,567,011 *yen* 58 *sen* 4 *rin* went into the minting of subsidiary coins;

*This and subsequent quotations are from Count Matsukata Masayoshi's *Report on the Adoption of the Gold Standard in Japan,* Tokyo, 1899.

40,786,662 *yen* 45 *sen* 8 *rin* was sold at Hongkong, Shanghai and elsewhere, and 6,740,148 *yen* was sent to Formosa, Korea, and Wei-hai-wei, to be placed in circulation in those places. Final disposal of the retired 1-*yen* silver coins and the silver bullion was completed in December, 1898.

In making the disposal as stated above, according to Count Matsukata, finance minister, "it was feared that if 1-*yen* silver coins were sold abroad in a perfect condition within the period allowed for their exchange, they would return again to be exchanged. For this reason it was decided to have the word 'silver' stamped on their face at the Mint that they should henceforth cease to be legal tender." Count Matsukata instructed the mint bureau Sept. 9, 1897, as follows:

"The one-*yen* silver coin which shall be received by the Government in exchange for gold shall from time to time be forwarded to the Mint. The Mint shall after due examination stamp on its face an impress as shown below and return it to the Government Treasury.

"The Mint Bureau shall make arrangements so that the examination and stamping above mentioned may also be done at the Tokyo Branch of the Mint and submit the same for sanction.

"The Mint shall make an estimate of the expenses incidental to carrying out the above mentioned examination and stamping and submit the same for sanction.

"The form of the stamp to be placed on the silver *yen* shall be as follows: one *bu* and five *rin* in diameter." The stamp illustrated here has been enlarged to twice the diameter.

In accordance with these instructions, 20,450,000 coins were stamped, 18,350,000 at the Osaka mint and 2,100,000 at its Tokyo branch.

As the coinage law of 1897 was to go into effect in October of that year, the policy of Japan in regard to the coinage system of Formosa (Tai-wan Sotoku-Fu) was brought to the fore. Before passage of the coinage reform laws in Japan, however, Imperial Ordinance No. 9 of Jan. 28, 1897, had placed the minister of state for finance in charge of the currency and banking administration of Formosa. The governor-general of Formosa was to act under the finance minister's supervision in matters of currency and banking.

The minister of finance decided to enforce the gold standard in Formosa, but to use silver as far as possible in actual monetary transactions. His policy also was "to permit the existence of a market rate of exchange between gold and silver, in cases of large monetary transactions," and "to permit for the time being the use of silver bullion in public payments to the government."

He believed a government mark should be placed on the 1-*yen* silver piece which was to be retired, and that the coin's use should then be allowed on the island. The minister submitted a memorandum to this effect to the cabinet Sept. 22, which was approved.

Imperial Ordinance No. 374 was issued Oct. 20, 1897, establishing that "The one-*yen* silver coin, with a Government stamp mark on it, may be used in Formosa for payment either to or by the Government. The payment by the Government shall only be made with the consent of the payee." The stamped silver *yen* was not legal tender but was accepted in payment of taxes and other public dues.

First shipment of stamped silver *yen* to Formosa was made Oct. 12, 1897, and shipments continued as needed. When the exchange of silver *yen* was halted in July, 1898, the unstamped silver *yen* was put into circulation again in Formosa. Ordinance No. 19 of the government of Formosa, dated July 31, 1898, put this policy into effect. Shipments of the stamped silver *yen* to Formosa came to an end and the retired unstamped silver *yen* there replaced it.

Of 6,212,973 one-*yen* silver coins disbursed in Formosa at current

valuation under the coinage reform laws, 2,100,000 were of the stamped variety.

Stamped *yen* put in circulation in Korea totaled 330,000. Shipment of the defaced coins to Korea began in fulfillment of a request made in August, 1897, by the president of the First Bank of Korea. Count Matsukata on Oct. 21 ordered the Bank of Japan to obtain 30,000 stamped *yen* from the Osaka government treasury and to deliver them to the First Bank at once for forwarding to its branch at Jinsen (Chemulpo), Korea.

The stamped *yen* were to be exchanged at par value for undefaced ones circulating in Korea, and the unstamped *yen* thus obtained were to be sent back from time to time to the Osaka branch of the Bank of Japan. Expenses involved in the transaction were to be paid by the government. Subsequent shipments of stamped coins were made as requested by the First Bank, until a total of 330,000 had been sent to Korea.

The army of occupation at Weihai-wei requested 50,000 *yen* in 1-*yen* silver coin in November, 1898. The government sent that amount in the stamped *yen,* a practice that was repeated as need arose. The total of stamped *yen* sent to Weihai-wei was 197,175. Wei-hai-wei, seaport and treaty port of N. Shantung, China, was occupied by the Japanese army as guarantee for fulfillment of terms of the Chinese indemnity treaty of 1895.

The remainder of the stamped silver *yen* was sold or otherwise disposed of as follows: 1,069,825 coins were transferred to the mint bureau to be melted into subsidiary coins; 550,000 were transferred to and sold in Shanghai; 13,953,000 were transferred to and sold in Hongkong; and 2,250,000 were sold to foreign banks. The coinage reform enabled the Japanese to avoid the bad effects of fluctuations in the price of silver.

The story of the stamped silver *yen,* present in crowns of the world, Japanese, Formosan, Korean, and trade dollar collections, is a portion of the story of Japanese coinage reform at the close of the 19th century.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

In order that this Calendar be as complete as possible, secretaries of State or Regional Organizations should advise the General Secretary of future meetings which should be included.

Inquiries, further information, or reservations should be sent to official indicated.

Numismatic Association of Southern California. First annual convention. February 17 to 19, 1956. New Hotel Clark, Los Angeles 13, Calif. Harold F. Donald, Secretary, 19221 Oxnard St., Tarzana, Calif.

National Coin Week. April 16-22, 1956.

Central States Numismatic Society. Fourteenth annual convention. Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Ind. April 27, 28 and 29, 1956. Ray R. Fiscus, General Chairman, 1833 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis 1, Ind. Earl C. Brown, Secretary, 7005 S. Norman Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill.

Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention. May 4 to 6, 1956. Park Sheraton Hotel. Harold S. Bareford, 321 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y.

American Numismatic Association. 65th annual convention. Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Aug. 22-25, 1956. The 1957 convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pa. Time and place to be announced later.

Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Oct. 6, 7, 1956. Ft. Collins, Colo. Herman L. Boraker, Secy., Box 204, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Fourth annual convention. Oct. 26-28, 1956. Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Eldridge G. Jones, Secretary, 4228 19th St., N.E., Washington 18, D. C.

Notes & Queries

Club Library Washed Away

The Hartford Numismatic Society lost its entire library in the August 19th flood, but replacement has started with purchases of the standard reference works in the American series. Some additions have been received through donation. It is hoped that the restoration will be accomplished quickly. As some of the volumes are not readily available, the assistance of clubs and individuals in locating the following is requested: *American Numismatical Manual* – Dickeson; *Connecticut Currency* – Bronson; *Numismatics of Massachusetts* – Storer; *Dye's Coin Encyclopedia* – 1888.

In addition to purchasing the books mentioned, the society is interested in other numismatic works essential to a club library. Communication regarding the above should be addressed to Cyril H. Hawley, West Simsbury, Conn.

More Silver Dollars Escape

It is reported by the Great Falls, Mont., *Tribune* that one thousand U. S. silver dollars, minted in Carson City, Nev., in 1893, were placed in circulation there during the last week of October. The Montana Bank received the coins in a routine shipment from the Minneapolis federal reserve bank. Most of the dollars were distributed in regular banking operations before their value to collectors was realized. As only 677,000 were minted, the pieces catalog at $9 very fine and $65 uncirculated. (Sent in by Charles R. Dawley.)

Quad-City Show

The Quad-City Coin Club held its sixth annual convention October 16 at the Canton, Ohio, YMCA with 250 registered visitors. Fourteen dealers, many displays and an auction were main attractions. Exhibit awards went to John Slutz, William G. Bruce, R. M. Teis and Paul Jenkins. Besides the host, the Canton Coin Club, other members of the Quad-City group are the Akron Coin Club, the Ashland Coin Club and the Wayne County Stamp and Coin Club.

New Store

The Phoenix Coin and Stamp Co. has opened a new air-conditioned street level store at 100 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N.Y. and will carry a complete line of coins, paper money, medals, military decorations, stamps and supplies. Owners are Al Schradzki, formerly of Peoria, Ill., and Bedrich Pollak, former operator of the Phoenix Stamp Co.

Metropolitan New York Convention

The Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention will be held in New York May 4 to 6, 1956 at the Park Sheraton hotel, and will again be conducted by the nine metropolitan coin clubs. There will be a Saturday night banquet, night auctions, dealers bourse and exhibits. For additional information write H. S. Bareford, 321 West 44th St., New York, N. Y., or Ray Gallo, 215 East 197th St., New York 58, N. Y.

Lehigh Valley Banquet

The 16th annual banquet and exhibit of the Lehigh Valley Coin Club was held at the Pavilion, Lanark Farms, Uniontown, N. J., Oct. 27, with 114 members and guests present. The tables were decorated in the spirit of Halloween with cut pumpkins, gourds and ears of varicolored corn by Chairman Horace Apgar and his wife. A souvenir program had also been prepared for the occasion.

Pres. J. Byron Godshall acted as toastmaster and the Rev. Hagen Staack, professor of religion at Muhlenberg College, pronounced the invocation. Engraved life membership cards were awarded to six of the members: Clayton E. Costenbader, Morgan E. Strohl, Forrest R. Smith, Henry G. Tucker, Herbert Yutz and Claude C. Eckert. The exhibits included paper currency, copper, silver and gold U. S. coins and wooden nickels. Entertainment was light music sung by a male quartette.

Chicago's Two Days

Visitors to the Chicago Coin Club's annual two-day event would be hard put to name the highlight. For some it was the series of excellent exhibits, ranging from the lowly U. S. cent to rare paper money and counterfeit detectors, and the awarding of bronze plaquettes to the top six exhibitors. For others, it might have been the 23 dealers and their bourse tables. Others

might have been intrigued by Michael Kolman's two-session auction or the better-than-average banquet attended by 160 "rock 'n roll" numismatists, dropped where they were by a sparkling entertainer and practitioner of the art of hypnotism, famed Edwin L. Baron. Or still others might have been impressed by the awarding of 10 past presidents silver medals or three silver medals of merit or the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award to Dr. J. Hewitt Judd or his talk on United States pattern coins. But whatever the reason, over 350 registered coin collectors and their wives from 14 states were unanimous in expressing their pleasure for having been present.

Silver medals of merit for long service to the club went to J. Henri Ripstra, Glenn B. Smedley and Clyde L. Grimm. Past presidents honored were J. Henri Ripstra, Robert L. McBrien (absent), Edmund E. Lamb, Paul Pennington (absent); Earl F. Barger, I. T. Kopicki, Glenn Ostrander, Harry X Boosel, Clyde L. Grimm, and William G. Rayson (posthumously). Bronze exhibit plaquettes went to Earl Barger, Harold Klein, I. T. Kopicki, Theodore Pokorney, Marcella Sheldon and Glenn Smedley. Honorable mention was given William H. Dillistin for an unusual display of old counterfeit detectors.

Friends of Mr. Grimm, who is leaving for the west, surprised him with a farewell gift of a first edition of Crosby's *The Early Coins of America.* Visitors included A.N.A. General Secretary Lewis M. Reagan, A.N.A. Governors C. H. Ryan and C. C. Shroyer, A.N.A. Sgt. at Arms Louis Werner, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Hewitt Judd. General chairman was Glenn B. Smedley, also an A.N.A. governor. The annual interim meeting of the Central States Numismatic Society's board of governors was held simultaneously in the same hotel.

What Others Publish

"Repeal of the Silver Purchase Acts," hearings on S. 1427 before a subcommittee of the Senate committee on banking and currency, 84th congress, first session, part 1, July 13, 18 and 25, 1955, is off the press and available from the U. S. government printing office, Washington, D. C. Of 262 pages, it contains much valuable information on U. S. silver production and its monetary use, and includes testimony of government officials, economists and other interested persons.

The South Australian *Numismatic Journal* for Jan., 1955, is given over entirely to Australiana, and contains brief articles on commonwealth coins, service medals, commemorative medals, tokens, paper money, and four plates.

The South Australian *Numismatic Journal,* April, 1955, includes "Some Notes on the Victoria Cross" by Sydney Levine; "Careless Use of Coin Names"; "St. Eligius – Patron Saint of Numismatology" by J. Hunt Deacon; "A Scottish Mint Master" by R. M. Grieg.

The *Illustrated London News* of Sept. 24, 1955, offers "Buried 1500 Years Ago and Discovered by Chance in 1946: A Rich Indian's Hoard of the Gupta Dynasty," by Dr. A. S. Altekar, chairman, Numismatic Society of India. A number of coins are illustrated. This article tells the story of the discovery of the hoard of 2200 gold coins issued by the emperors who ruled A.D. 310-468.

The Numismatic Scrapbook, Oct. 20, 1955, has "The Conversion to the Decimal Coinage System – Lima Mint – 1862-1864" by H. H. Valverde; "The Grading of Paper Money" by Arlie Slabaugh; "Caesar is My Name" by A. Kosoff; current coin news; Earl C. Brown's "Numismatic Menagerie" (The Dove); continuations by John Davenport, James Curtis, Arlie Slabaugh, Edward L. Weikert.

Numismatic Literature, ANS publication, Oct., 1955, contains brief reviews of books and magazine articles.

"The Code Decoded," No. 9 in a series of short stories on money and banking by the Bank of New York.

The Story of Canada's Currency, issued by the Bank of Canada, is a 24 page illustrated booklet.

"PhilaMatic Center is Attraction for ANA guests," title of an article in the Oct. 14, 1955 Boys Town *Times,* refers to conventioneers who visited the Center and describes the displays there.

Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin,* Oct., 1955, offers chapter five of H. G. Stride's "The Royal Mint"; chapter 30 of Kozolubski's "Bactrain and Indo-Greek Coinage"; society news; lists of coins and medals for sale.

Spink's *Numismatic Circular,* Oct., 1955, prints "The Coinage of Florence" by W. J. W. Potter; "Thirty Pieces of Silver and Coins of Rhodes" by Philip Grierson; "Foreign Copper Coins in the English Currency" by A. W. Waters; "Hong Kong Emergency Currency Notes" by F. Pridmore; news of societies and offerings of coins and medals for sale.

Calcoin News, Sept., 1955, publishes "Gold Fever" by Nathan A. Bowers; "Names in World History" by Dr. C. Glenn Curtis; biographical sketch of Rudolph J. M. Gjurovich; organizational news.

Town Journal, Oct., 1955 prints an illustrated article by Jeanne O. Wellenkamp on coin collecting, "Got a Jackpot in Your Pockets?" This is a magazine of wide general circulation which reaches many families in "home-town America."

Canadian Numismatic Association *Bulletin,* Oct., 1955, reports on the convention and club activities; continues "The Bank of Nova Scotia"; offers "Varieties or Variations?" by H. C. Taylor.

"City's Coinage: the Mint of Camarina" by Eunice Work, *Archaeology,* June, 1955.

Hesperia, April, 1955, has an article on "Excavations at Isthmia, 1954" by Oscar Broneer.

The *American Journal of Archaeology,* July, 1955, offers Pierre Amandry's "Medaillion en or du Musee de Providence."

ANS Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 131, "The Coinage of the First Mint of the Americas at Mexico City, 1536-1572" by Robert I. Nesmith.

ANS Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 132, "Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania," by Kenneth Scott.

Price Lists

Henry Christensen. List No. 55, first of a projected series on crowns of the German states, Anhalt to Brunswick. 10 pages, mimeo.

Coin Galleries. Oct., 1955, list. Ancient Greek, Roman and Byzantine gold, modern gold, ancient Greek and Roman silver and bronze, mediaeval and Renaissance silver and German thalers since 1800.

Copley Coin Co. Oct.-Nov., 1955, list. U. S. and foreign gold, U. S. coins, commemoratives, hard times tokens, so-called dollars, and wholesale lots.

French's. Catalog of supplies.

R. Green. Price list No. 50. Large collection of eagles and double eagles, practically all dates and mints; good collection of pioneer gold; extensive collection of regular issue halves, plus the usual run of U. S. coins and numismatic supplies.

New Netherlands Coin Co. *Numisma,* July-Aug., 1955. Includes mail auction sale and "The Question Forum." Offers colonial currency for sale.

John Skandera. List. Paper money, U. S. coins.

James, Inc. Coin catalog of 1956; U. S. and foreign coins; paper money; numismatic books and supplies.

Currency of Cyprus

A decimal currency has been introduced in Cyprus. The local pound, which is kept at par with sterling, will remain as the standard, but will be subdivided into 1,000 mils, instead of into 180 piastres as heretofore.

Vietnamese Banknotes

Beginning October 1, banknotes to the value of 4 billion piastres were to be withdrawn and exchanged in Vietnam. Cambodian and Laotian notes were to be withdrawn first, and later the notes of the Bank of Indo-China, leaving only the fiduciary issue of the National Bank of Vietnam in circulation. The difficulties of the exchange are substantially increased by the opportunities for speculation offered by the large holdings of merchants in Hong Kong and Singapore. Considerable quantities of the notes of the Bank of Indo-China are, moreover, held in Vietminh, while there is a movement of Vietnam piastres into Cambodia, to be exchanged for the new Cambodian currency, which is thought to have more stability than that of neighboring states.

The Governor of the National Bank of Vietnam has stated that after October 31, when the exchange of banknotes was to have been completed, each of the states of Indo-China would have its independent currency and fix its exchange rate by its own authority. The conventional parity with the French franc will be maintained until December 31, as the French authorities have agreed to purchase the piastres required for military expenditure at the rate of 10 francs to the piastre. After that date Vietnam will be able to decide unilaterally the value of the piastre in relation to the franc. Sources: *Marches Coloniaux du Monde,* Paris, France, and *International Financial News Survey.*

Research in Progress on Trade Dollars

John Martin Willem, Jr., A. N. A. No. 15530, Sixpence Farm, Route 2, Penny Road, Dundee, Ill., is preparing a complete history of the U. S. trade dollar and will welcome additional bits of information on the subject. A. N. A. members and others having knowledge

of reference sources are urged to communicate with Mr. Willem.

Gold Coast Currency

The Gold Coast minister of finance has ratified a contract with Thomas De La Rue and Co. for the provision of banknotes to be used when the Gold Coast has attained full independence, according to the London *Times*. These notes will replace those of the West African Currency Board, which are also used in Nigeria, Gambia, and Sierra Leone. The minister stated that there were problems connected with the issue of coins which were not yet resolved, and that Gold Coast coinage would not be introduced until a year or more after the banknotes were put into circulation. No nation could be regarded as fully independent which shared a common currency with its former colonial neighbors. The government is, however, convinced that for many years to come the interests of the Gold Coast would be best served by a close link with sterling.

R. Green Moves

R. Green, midwestern coin dealer, has closed his retail store in Chicago and will conduct all of his business by mail only hereafter. His new address is P. O. Box 284, Skokie, Ill.

Legal Status of the Sovereign

On September 5 the President of the first division of the Zurich district court ruled that the sovereign was recognized as an official means of payment in the United Kingdom, and was "metallic money the circulation of which is legally authorized" within the meaning of the 1929 international convention for the suppression of counterfeiting currency. A sentence of six months imprisonment was accordingly imposed on a person accused of dealing in counterfeit sovereigns, which, however, were of the correct fineness and weight, the sentence being suspended on condition of good behavior for four years.

It has been estimated that between 100 million and 300 million sovereigns are still in circulation in various parts of the world. In Mecca the sovereign is the recognized coin for payment of larger debts, just as the Maria Theresa dollar is for the smaller. The demand for sovereigns in the Middle East has sometimes carried their price much above the value of their gold content, so that coiners have made considerable profits, even though their output tended to reduce the premium.—Sources: *The Times*, Sept. 13, 1955, *The Economist*, Sept. 17, 1955, London, England, and the *International Financial News Survey*.

French Gold Price

Gold prices on the Paris official free market have risen gradually and steadily since the second half of August. Before the advance began, a kilogram of gold was quoted at 420,000 francs and the Napoleon (20-franc gold piece) at slightly less than 2,500 francs. By the end of September the quotations had reached 443,000 and 2,800 francs, respectively, and on October 14 they were 444,000 and 2,800 francs.

Another Omaha Convention Exhibitor

Louis S. Werner's name should be added to the list of A.N.A. convention exhibitors as published in the November *Numismatist*, page 1208. His display of ancient gold ring money continues his unbroken string of exhibits at every national convention since 1933 and the Editor regrets the omission of his name in the original listing.

Discontinue Sale of Swiss Gold Coins

The Swiss National Bank discontinued, as from October 1, the sale of vrenelis (i.e., Swiss 20 franc gold coins that no longer are legal tender). Sales of these coins to other banks, for resale to the public, which were resumed early in 1955, have amounted to about 70 million Swiss francs. The demand has recently been small and sporadic; hence, the decision to discontinue sales.

Season's Greetings

The staff of *The Numismatist* wishes all of you **A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

— ELSTON G. BRADFIELD, Editor

ESNA Convention

The Empire State Numismatic Association convention was held at Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 14-16. The banquet was attended by 82. Exhibition plaques, donated by Ray Gallo, were won by Dr. Sartoris for his U. S. pattern display; George Bauer for ancients; and Charles Heaton for transportation tokens. Ed Gilroy received a proof set for his exhibit of English crowns. Coin Galleries conducted the auction. A scroll was presented to Charles Foster in recognition of his services to the

association. The spring meeting is scheduled for the Ten Eyck hotel, Albany, N. Y., May 11-13, with Jacob Cheris as chairman.

Digs Up Gold Certificates

A country Negro youth, Jackson Davis, on his first city job, uncovered a thermos jug stuffed with $50,000 in U. S. gold certificates while digging in the basement of a Dallas, Tex., home. Finishing the day's work for his employer, a plumber, Davis pocketed the money and went back to his home. Questioned by police, he seemed dazed about being suspected of theft and insisted he had "found" the money nine months before. The owner of the house where the treasure was unearthed thought it might have been buried by a relative who died more than 20 years ago. (From the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram,* Oct. 12, sent to the Editor by Amon Carter.)

Note Issue in Syria

The Bank of Syria and Lebanon, a bank of issue since 1920, will cease issuing Syrian notes and turn that function over to the wholly government owned Central Bank of Syria according to an agreement signed Sept. 1.

Abe Kosoff in Print

The Los Angeles *Times* recently carried a three-column cut and a story on Abe Kosoff and his collection. Abe's interest in numismatics began in 1929 when he was working his way through college and got a job in an antique shop which had a small section devoted to coins.

Asks Help in Numismatic Research

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

For some time I have been devoting most of my free time to research on ancient coins. For a decade I have been building up my collection as a working laboratory with a definite objective. Also my numismatic library which, with visits to museums and owners of ancient coins has supplied some background.

My studies have impressed me with the need for much greater interest in, and use of, ancient coins as a working laboratory for students of ancient, mediaeval, and recent history. What an incentive to interest the coins of Greece and of ancient Rome would make for students in American high schools and colleges! It is an incentive and an opportunity that has been almost ignored in this country.

I am working on chapters which deal with numismatics and a source book for historical study and research. With the cooperation of others, I believe this will result in a worth-while volume that, when published, will prove most useful.

May I ask readers of *The Numismatist* for suggestions, information of schools and colleges that have, or utilize, ancient or other coins for the above purposes, or of universities in the United States that teach courses or offer opportunity of research in numismatics?

I am writing to let Mr. Carson of the British Museum know how much I enjoyed and appreciated his article, "Indestructible Documents of History" in the September number of *The Numismatist.* — HARRY E. STONE, Box 524, Morgantown, W. Va.

COLORADO-WYOMING MEETING

The Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association held its fourth annual meeting at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colo., October 1st and 2nd, 1955, with a record breaking attendance when 101 attended the annual dinner. A well executed display of Colorado and western specie, prepared by Dr. Philip Whiteley of Denver, presented a fine study of early western currency. Members and their friends also enjoyed viewing exhibits of gold, foreign crowns, territorial gold, minor coins, and currency. Notable for this area was the fine dealer representation, with several from outlying areas attending with bourse tables. Out-of-town visitors included Lewis Reagan, secretary of the A.N.A. Dr. Philip Whiteley spoke on "Colorado Specie."

New officers are Ralph Smith, president; LeRoy Bennett, first vice president; Herman Boraker, secretary-treasurer; second vice president, C. G. Klein; third vice president, Billie Baker. An invitation has been accepted to hold its fifth annual convention in Fort Collins, Colo.

Book Reviews

"Hard Times Tokens" by Lyman H. Low, 1900, 1906 (supplement), reprinted 1955 with "Easy Finding Lists" by W. F. Dunham, 1910 and E. H. Adams's photographic plates (circa 1920) by C. V. Kappen and Globe Printing Co., San Jose, Calif. Illust. $10.00.

This reprint places within the reach of the average collector several rare works, some of which are almost unobtainable. The lists certainly possess a great deal of historical value. The interesting United States "hard times" tokens series was brought to the collectors' attention mainly through the efforts of Lyman Low. His book, although 50 years old, is still the main authoritative work on this series.

Unfortunately, this reprint does not fulfill the need for an up-to-date publication on "hard times" tokens as no attempt was made to correct for the weaknesses in the original listing. Low's original intention was only to list dated coins. When he expanded the book to include some undated pieces, he omitted many others. A listing of some 20 authenticated undated "hard times" pieces of New York was made by Raymond in the *Numismatist* of 1928 on page 709, and should have been added to the reprint. Numerous pieces from other states might also have been included.

The Adams plates did not reproduce too well and unfortunately they lack a consecutive numbering arrangement which makes them somewhat difficult to use. Photographs of the ten or so unillustrated pieces undoubtedly could have been obtained from the two major collections making the illustrations almost complete.

The one page listing of corrections to Low is very useful. However, some sub-varieties of Low pieces are not mentioned at all. In the price listing at the end, there are three types of Low No. 1 priced, but no description is given. No mention of the fact that there are two die varieties of Low No. 5 is made. The piece with "Am I Not a Man and a Brother" sometimes called Low No. 54a is not mentioned. Low No. 99 is listed in silver with a blank reverse for $36.00. This is a piece struck by Thomas Elder in 1908 not even from the same dies as Low No. 99 (cf. Bowman, *The Numismatist*, page 949, 1955). This piece certainly should have only a nominal value. Low Nos. 139 and 140 are not noted as being illustrated, but they are shown on Plate IX.

By merely adding the plate number on which the pieces listed in the price list are shown, the usefulness of the book would have been increased. From a monetary point of view, Raymond's *Standard Catalogue of U. S. Coins*, for either 1940 or 1942 which is almost as useful as this reprint is a better buy. Neither of the books, however, gives a complete listing for which there is certainly a need. — M. AND G. FULD.

"Paper Money of the United States, a Complete Illustrated Guide with Valuations," 2d edition, by Robert Friedberg. Coin and Currency Publishing Institute, New York, N. Y., 1955, illus., 151 pages, buckram, $7.50.

Off the press is the new edition of this work on U. S. paper currency. Covering all regular issues of large size notes, fractional currency, small size notes, encased postage stamps from 1861 to date, it will be eagerly studied by numismatists. Even if one owns a copy of the now out of print first edition, he will want the new one anyway, because of the addition of new material.

Valuable primarily for its illustrations, the book has grown from 128 pages to the present 151 pages

and contains pictures, through special permission of government authorities, of all large size U. S. notes, including $500, $1000, $5000 and $10000 denominations. Small size notes are priced but not pictured. The $5,000 and $10,000 U. S. notes of the 1878 series no longer exist but are illustrated from specimen or sample notes. Although 21 pieces are still outstanding of the $1,000 national bank note, none has been discovered so it is illustrated from sample also. Some of the first issue gold certificates and the reverses of the $50 and $100 national bank notes with the denomination spelled out are shown for the first time.

The section on interest bearing notes has been completely rewritten. Several notes became available during the last year and their illustration completes the series, so far as known.

The author has omitted valuations on high denomination and other excessively rare issues, but otherwise has given an estimated value for each note, "an average at or about which the notes would be obtainable from a dealer if in stock." No table of rarity of U. S. paper currency is available, hence price estimates are always unreliable. Issuing a priced catalog is hazardous at any time and is particularly so in the volatile field of paper money. As many American collectors have turned to that field, prices have been jumping. That values are not stabilized is seen by the fact that many common notes can still be purchased for considerably less than Friedberg's valuations while some of the very rare notes would probably bring higher prices than he has indicated.

The book is recommended not only to paper currency collectors, but also to libraries, historical societies and others interested in Americana. Bankers, too, would be well advised to have a copy for ready identification of old paper notes that frequently come into their hands. – ELSTON G. BRADFIELD.

"Treasure, the Story of Money and Its Safeguarding," by Walter Buehr. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N. Y., 1955, illus. by the author, buckram, 64 pages, $2.50.

Santa Claus will find this handsome little book just the thing for the youngster who lives in the house of a numismatist. In a lively fashion and with liberal use of anecdote and illustration, the author recounts the story of money from the days of barter through metal and paper. He speaks of the odd and curious as well as the product of our bureau of engraving and printing, of foreign coins and the problems that arise with uncontrolled printing press money. The story is told clearly and in such a way that young people will be both entertained and instructed. – ELSTON G. BRADFIELD.

"Roman Silver Coins," Vol. II, Part 2, Nerva to Commodus, by H. A. Seaby. B. A. Seaby, Ltd., London, England, 1955, illus., priced catalog, paper bound, 186 pages, $3.00.

This is a continuation of the series on Roman silver coins begun in 1952 and lists over 4,000 coins with their values. It has some line drawings in the text and is arranged according to Cohen. At the beginning of each reign are listed the obverse legends and types; to aid reference a page with a duplication of these legends and types will be found at the back which can be unfolded and used with any page in the book. Prices given are for coins in very fine condition and are those at which a dealer might be expected to sell the coins. The book serves well to introduce the new coin collector to the subject and will be a ready help in attributing coins and placing a value on them. It follows the established pattern of the Seaby publications in providing reliable but inexpensive guides to numismatics. – ELSTON G. BRADFIELD.

"Coins of Bible Days," by Florence Aiken Banks. Macmillan, New York, N. Y., 1955, illus., 178 pages, buckram, $4.50

Another excellent gift for Christmas, for numismatist or non-numismatic friend, son, daughter or other relative, is this diverting presentation of Biblical coinage. Many of these stories have appeared in Kelly's *Coins and Chatter*, beginning in Nov., 1950. The author, a retired school teacher, spent 20 years collecting the coins to match people and events in the Bible. As both Old and New Testaments are included, the media of exchange from Palestine to Christian Rome are covered. More than 180 exact size halftone cuts of coins are used to illustrate the text. The latter is supported by numerous Biblical quotations and footnotes, a glossary and a selected bibliography. Although written primarily for the layman or Bible student, the book is recommended to any coin collector who wishes to broaden his numismatic horizon. — ELSTON G. BRADFIELD.

Obituaries

FRANK M. HOWE

Frank M. Howe, well-known Detroit numismatist and dealer, died of a heart attack October 28. He was 56 years old. Surviving are his wife, Abbie, and daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Butz. Mr. Howe was a member of the Detroit and Royal Oak (Mich.) Coin Clubs. With Mr. Howe's passing the local clubs lost one of their hardest workers, and the hobby one of its most ardent boosters. — D. L.

JOHN C. SCHOY, LM No. 162

John C. Schoy, 60, 1931 E. 8th St., Stockton, Calif., died October 8 during a dance in Red Men's Hall, Stockton. Mr. Schoy operated a hardware store and had no known relatives. In 1941 he became Member No. 8596 of the American Numismatic Association and later Life Member No. 162.

MARSHALL C. SWENEY, A.N.A. No. 7050

Marshall C. Sweney, 74, 1080 31st St., Des Moines, Iowa, died Sept. 5 at Mercy hospital after a brief illness. Death was caused by an internal hemorrhage. Born Dec. 17, 1880, in Osage, Iowa, he was graduated from the old Cedar Valley seminary in that city, and received a degree in engineering from the state university of Iowa in 1903 where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. After working two years as a construction engineer with the Illinois Central Railroad, he returned to his birthplace and served many years as president of the old Mitchell County Savings Bank. Later he went to Marshalltown where he engaged in the insurance business. In 1924-1925 Mr. Sweney was vice president of the Iowa Bankers Association.

Mr. Sweney operated a book shop and rare coin business in St. Paul, Minn., for 20 years before moving to Des Moines in 1952. He was regular Member No. 7050 of the American Numismatic Association and a member of the Des Moines Coin Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Fay Ford of Manchester, Iowa, one sister, four daughters and 12 grandchildren. After cremation, his ashes were to be taken to St. Paul and scattered at one of his favorite spots on the Mississippi river.

THE TOKEN COLLECTOR'S PAGE

by

MELVIN AND GEORGE FULD

Collectors who can supply additional information on any of the tokens, either published or unpublished, are cordially invited to write the authors, Melvin Fuld, 5610 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore 9, Md., or George Fuld, 58 Pleasant St., Brookline 46, Mass.

New York, N. Y.

Obverse: GEORGE WASHINGTON equestrian figure to right, holding hat in advanced left hand. Beneath the ground BALE & SMITH N.Y.

Reverse: CARRY ME TO ATWOOD'S RAILROAD HOTEL 243 BOWERY AND MY FACE IS GOOD FOR 3 CENTS in seven parallel lines.

Size 13, Copper, brass and white metal, silver edge, broadly milled No. 2, border no. 5, struck 1830.

Adams 45, copper, 46-47 brass, 48 white metal. Baker 510 copper only Raymond 6.

Adams says of the copper (No. 45) piece "Rare and one of the most interesting early New York Cards," of No. 46-47 "Very Rare" and No. 48 "Rare." Made by a most famous firm of die sinkers and token makers. The obverse was used by Bale & Smith for their own token. See Adams NY 51 & 52.

The small piece shown is the one in brass and no doubt was why Adams listed 46-47 in brass as it exists in both the small and large planchet. This piece, because of its pedigree, is no doubt from the Crosby Collection.

We have seen an impression in silver.

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-cu-17-r No. 2. bd No. 5-r. 7

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-cu-16-r No. 2 bd No. 5-r. 7

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-br-13-p No. 1 bd No. 1-r. 8

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-br-16-p No. 2 bd No. 5-r. 8

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-wm-16-p No. 2 bd No. 5-r. 9

NY-148.17.1-SC-14-ag-16-p No. 2 bd No. 5-r. 9

Syracuse, N. Y.

Obverse: Bust of Dewey in military dress to right. ADMIRAL GEORGE

DEWEY below W & H Co. Newark, N.J. under bust in very small letters.

Reverse: THE HOPKINS CO. INC.

SYRACUSE around edge. CLOTHIERS AND TAILORS 206 S. SALINA ST. in four lines in center.

Brass – Size 18, edge plain No. 1, border no. 6, struck 1899 Wright 1670.

William S. Dewey in *The Numismatist* March, 1939, p. 182, states:

"The description of this card is taken from Mr. Wright's supplementary list of 'American Store Cards' published in *The Numismatist* of October, 1901, and cataloged as No. 1670 on p. 273. No actual specimen of this piece has been seen by the writer but the description would indicate that it is in all probability one of the small size Whitehead and Hoay Cards (. . . . which appear to have been struck from the same obverse die). Seemingly of the highest rarity, as all efforts to locate a copy to date have proven fruitless."

We believe that Dr. Wright obtained his description of this piece from Mathis from whose collection we obtained the piece.

NY-170.82.1-SC-19-br-18-p No. 1. bd No. 6-r. 9

DOUGLAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY'S OFFICERS

Recently the Douglas Numismatic Society elected new officers who are, left to right, L. E. Zumwalt, treasurer; John Haldiman, Jr., guest speaker and owner of the collection of odd and curious moneys; G. E. Oestreich, vice president; Ben Williams, president; and C. A. Johnson, secretary.

RAMBLES AROUND A PIECE OF PAPER OF 1447

by

DR. IMRE MOLNAR, LM 166

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XIV

The younger boy was 18 at that time, and the clique made the worst blunder of the whole plot. They thought they had figured out a supersmart plan; they decided to put him away in a secure place and save him to become, after a thorough course of brain-washing, a docile stooge to be used for their own purposes. He and king Ladislaus were whisked away to Bohemia for safekeeping by George Podebrad.

The oligarchy repeated the same mistake they made 10 years before and created such a reign of terror that soon everybody was against them. I can visualize Szilagyi busily organizing the underground. Then again something happened which was not figured in the master plan. King Ladislaus Posthumus suddenly died in Prague at the end of the same year, allegedly by poison.

Hungary was without a king again. The salic law was not the law in Hungary, but the golden bull of 1222, issued seven years after the English magna carta. According to that, the king was to be elected by a national assembly under a universal suffrage, where all men of noble birth had equal vote, irrespective of social or economic position. If we consider the general conditions and philosophy of the times when this golden bull was established, it was surprisingly democratic and progressive, just as the magna carta was, and stood out brightly against the contemporary background. It also had some very remote resemblance in principle to our constitution prior to the thirteenth amendment: of course, in their practical significance they were vastly different. The declaration contained in the golden bull can be summed up as: all noble men are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. Its purpose was to establish equality among all men of noble birth on a relatively broad basis, and to subordinate the power of the king to that of the nobility. This sounded very progressive in principle, but in practice the cards were usually stacked, and the royal succession decided by a small clique within the oligarchy, with the losing faction, if strong enough, violently obstructing orderly execution. But being tired of the prevailing terror imposed by the oligarchy, the people made sure this time that no one will put anything over them, and if there ever was a king elected in Hungary by popular acclaim it was Matthias Corvinus Hunyadi.

The younger son of Janos Hunyadi was born in 1440, in Kolozsvar, the capital city of Transylvania. When 12 years old he accompanied his father in his campaigns. At 15 he was married to Elizabeth Cillei, but she died before the marriage was consummated. He was 18 when, after his brother's execution, he was carried to Prague. George of Podebrad, one of his keepers, took one good look at him and having been around in the world himself, knew at once who would come out on the top. He treated his prisoner with great hospitality, and they ended up with Matthias's betrothal to Podebrad's daughter, Catherine. And when he understood that his ward was wanted to become the next king of Hungary, he did not want to be difficult, as Frederick III was with the previous king, and agreed to let him go for a slight consideration. This was a fortunate decision of a wise man for the good of the world, but was rather unfortunate for Podebrad in the end, as we shall see a little later.

The election of the new king was to take place on January 23-24, 1458. The ruling clique assembled in the castle on top of the hill in Buda

and tried to figure out how to stack the election for its choice. But by that time the real electorate, with Szilagyi as campaign manager, comprising thousands of the small gentry from all over Hungary, armed, and with their followers, converged from all directions and swarmed over the prairie opposite Buda. The winter of 1458 was a severe one, the Danube froze solid, and the great mass of electors crowded upon the ice shouting "we want Matthias" relentlessly. Matthias arrived in Buda on February 14 with Podebrad's blessing to take over the government.

The former rulers did not take this in a spirit of sportsmanship, they packed up the crown, crying foul play, and ran to the sucker for all poor risks, Emperor Frederick III. The emperor took up the cause of the emigrees, was beaten in a series of campaigns on his own ground by Matthias; but it was not until 1461 that the crown was returned and 1464 that the coronation could take place. Matthias married Catherine of Podebrad but she died in 1464.

The history of Matthias Corvinus, including his numismatics, deserves a study by itself; so as not to drag out my story without end, I will only touch upon a few points. His fights with Austria and the emperor continued, with a few intermissions, all through his reign. After the excommunication of Podebrad by the pope in 1466, the factional fight in Bohemia between Catholics and Hussites degenerated into open hostilities. In one of the exceptional occasions when Matthias and the emperor reached an understanding Matthias turned against his former host and father-in-law, attacked Bohemia, inflicted one of the rare defeats on the Hussite army, and was elected by the Catholic faction and crowned in 1469 as king of Bohemia. However, this glory did not last very long, in a few years Poland and the Hussites forced him to resign in Bohemia, though he kept the provinces of Moravia, Silesia, Lusatia and a few others for the rest of his life. During most of his reign the Turks respected Hungary, and had only a few minor engagements with them. Only once, in 1479, did Mohammed try a major invasion and get as far as Kenyermezoe in the Hungarian plains, but was defeated by Matthias.

In 1476 Matthias married Beatrice, princess of Naples, daughter of Ferdinand, king of Aragon, and his influence now was also felt in Italy. His relations with the emperor deteriorated more and more; in 1477 he temporarily besieged Vienna. The armistice did not last very long and in 1485 he occupied Vienna, permanently annexed Styria, Carinthia, Carnolia and the Austrian provinces, and transferred the capital of his empire from Buda to Vienna. His great ambition was to become emperor of the Holy Roman empire, and he was deeply disappointed when in 1486 in Frankfurt Frederick's son, Maxmilian I was elected king of the Romans, though Frederick kept the title of emperor until his death in 1493. Only 50 years old, Matthias Hunyadi expired suddenly on Palm Sunday, April 4, 1490 in Vienna.

Matthias Corvinus was undoubtedly the greatest ruler of his century and one of the most outstanding in history. He is compared sometimes with Napoleon, and there are certain similarities. Both are conquerors with an outstanding genius for military organization, politically progressive and untraditional, both had their most significant achievements in establishing an efficient civil administration and a juridical system based on a progressive philosophy, both fought to create a united Europe.

But the differences are more significant than the parallels. Matthias was highly cultured and an outstanding intellectual, had a fine character and an almost fanatical insistence on justice, was emotionally balanced, not vindicative, and retained almost all his conquests to the end of his life, though they fell apart immediately after his death. Napoleon's empire collapsed at the height of his power, and he died in misery and degradation. However,

the truth of the matter is that Napoleon left a more enduring mark upon posterity, while Matthias's achievements evaporated without trace.

From my description you may get the impression that Matthias was predominantly a conqueror and that his significance is mostly due to his military successes. Actually, his greatest achievements were in cultural progress and civil administration, which took far more time of his 32-year reign than his military campaigns. His political philosophy was democracy from above, if this term can be applied in the 15th century and in a fundamentally feudal country. He established an efficient bureaucracy and system of taxation. Except in the very beginning, he was never short of money, which was very unusual for a monarch in those days; he used his army as tax collectors. He perfected the military system which his father began, but instead of the "banderiums" the backbone of his standing army were professional soldiers and Magyar, Czech and Croat mercenaries, probably the first such system in modern history, two centuries before Wallenstein. In his political outlook he realized that his forces would be wasted away by a perpetual fight against the huge manpower of the Ottoman empire, and, instead, he tried to concentrate on building up a strong defensive force. From his father's experience he learned that the small Balkan potentates are unreliable allies, but also that the rest of Europe are just as untrustworthy in time of need. Therefore his whole policy was towards the unification of central Europe under one authority, and knowing that the strength of the defense lay in the strength of the people, he strove to promote prosperity, culture and good administration.

Matthias promoted and protected cities and towns throughout his realm, realizing that they were the prime financial and cultural supports of the country. He also established a system of communications. He recodified the common law, abolished trial by combat and the barbaric custom prevailing throughout Europe of expiating crimes by a financial settlement. He personally supervised the judicial system, and, like Haroun-al-Raschid 700 years before, made frequent tours of inspection in disguise throughout Hungary. Being a man of culture himself, he lavishly provided for the advancement of art and science, put up beautiful buildings in the style of the renaissance, invited artists and scholars, founded the university of Pressburg and enhanced others, established probably the most outstanding library since ancient times, the Corvina, which was later destroyed under the Ottomans. All in all, Hungary, previously a not too enlightened country, became one of the outstandingly splendid centers of culture.

From what we have said, it is apparent that he was also personally an outstanding character. He was, besides being a great military leader, an excellent orator and good executive. He had great inclination towards art and knowledge; it is said that after a full day of administrative work he spent half his nights with studies and reading poetry and history. His court was an assemblage of learned men and artists. He had a fine and noble character; he was, in spite of being cheated and doublecrossed many a time, not vindicative. Not one cruel deed has been ever attributed to him. He was quick tempered and firm. Right after his election, uncle Szilagyi thought that he could boss the inexperienced young man around: when this did not click, the old man sided with the hostile faction, so Matthias locked him up, sentiment or no sentiment. All through his reign, the aristocrats considered Matthias a parvenu swain, the son and grandson of Vlach hillbillies, but he was adored by the common people and his name and deeds remain legendary among them to the present. In spite of this, I believe that he was in his heart an aristocrat, ambitious and enjoying his power; he did not have his father's plain simplicity; he was for the common men, but an uncommon man himself; he was the king of the common men, but neverthe-

less royal in his heart. He reciprocated the aristocrats' dislike, but he also said, like Coriolanus: "that I have not been common in my love"; he enjoyed best the company of intellectuals and the cultured atmosphere of the Neapolitan court after his marriage with Beatrice. I have called your attention before to the strange power of assimilation Hungary has on those who live on her soil; but with Matthias it seemed to work in reverse. He was born in the heart of Hungary, had three-fourths or at least half Magyar blood, lived most of his life among her people; as a matter of fact, he was the only king of Magyar descent Hungary had since the 13th century to the present, but he was true European, his sight and inclination were oriented towards the west.

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If I could end my story here, it would leave us with a satisfactory feeling of a great and noble character having accomplished his self-chosen mission. Unfortunately, our closing events will be melancholic. Matthias Corvinus had no heir from his marriages, but had a bastard son Joannes Corvinus, born in 1473, nine years after Catherine of Podebrad died, and before his marriage to Beatrice of Naples. His great desire was to see this son assured in the succession of all his possessions. In spite of obstructions by the jealous Beatrice, the arrangements and formalities were completed before Matthias's death, but immediately thereafter everything collapsed, not without the connivance of Beatrice.

Vienna was occupied in 1491 by Maximilian. Austria and the other possessions were ceded to the emperor with some additional payment of indemnity. In Hungary the oligarchy was swept into power by promising relief from Matthias's harsh taxation, and the terror surpassed that of 1457. Maximilian of Austria tried for the Hungarian crown but without success, though it would have been by far the preferable one of the alternatives.

Instead, Wladislaus II Jagello (the one who minted in 1499 one of the first thalers in history), an incompetent moron, became king. He was king of Bohemia since 1476, after Podebrad's death and the resignation of Matthias. During his reign, the Czech national movement was crushed and virtual serfdom established. In Hungary he was the stooge of the oligarchy, and the period to the battle of Mohacs in 1526 is probably the most shamefully tragic one in Hungarian history.

Joannes Corvinus renounced all his claims and was muzzled with some fancy titles. In 1496 he married Beatrice of Frangepan of Croatian aristocracy, in 1498 became banus of Croatia under Wladislaus II, and died in 1504, 31 years old. He had one son, prince Christopher, with whom the Hunyadi family became extinct in 1505. Hungarian power expired 15 years earlier and never has recovered.

XVII

We have taken a bird's-eye view of the 15th century in central and southeastern Europe. As I said several times, it was the most interesting period of history since the fall of Rome. Its cultural milieu was unprecedented since the ancient world, and so were the great personalities crowding it. Actually, its general character overflowed into the 16th century; the reformation and great discoveries were some of the direct results; but, indirectly, also laid the groundwork for the advances in philosophy and science during the 17th and 18th centuries, and in a way, for what came since.

Let me just mention a few people born in the 15th century: Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus of Rotterdam, Columbus, Luther, Magellan, Gutenberg, Michelangelo, Vasco da Gama, Bartholomew Diaz, Macchiavelli, Copernicus, and many, many others. It was a time when factual knowledge was limited; when a Sears-Roebuck catalog would have been an encyclopedia; when libraries were not filled to the ceiling with handbooks, telephone directories, *Who's Whos;* when one did not have to read half a dozen magazines each month, of several hundred pages

each of small print on folio size paper, to get oriented in one specialized subject, say electronics; when people did not exhaust the few remaining hours left after an allegedly 40-hour week in trying to catch up with current events by reading headlines of abstracts or digests; when a numismatist did not have to specialize on die varieties of large cents – they did not know much, but because of that were able to think about the universality of the world and its manifestations, as they knew them. It was an honor in those days to be an intellectual, and those who could not quite make it made an honest effort to approach it, without becoming charlatans.

Kings and rulers, caught in the spirit of the times, endeavored to live up to their calling and prepared themselves to be fit for intellectual leadership of their people. Let us look at just a few of them: Matthias Corvinus, George of Podebrad, Mohammed II, Pope Julius II, Cosimo I Medici of Florence, Frederick the Wise of Saxony. The two truly great Habsburg emperors came from this period: Maximilian I and his grandson Charles V. These were not obscure princes tucked away in some little duchy, where, having no great problems of administration and government, they could devote their surplus energy and money to become fine intellectuals and patrons of arts and science, as there were during the baroque period. Those were powerful rulers with great responsibilities and heavy administrative burdens, but apparently they felt that they could satisfactorily discharge their duty only by intelligence, which they also personally enjoyed; or was it that they became great rulers because they were by nature intellectually inclined?

If you are disturbed by some apparently incongruous manifestations of their characters and actions, I have already told you that there is no use to look at them with present day standards. They were in a way split personalities, inhibited by the inheritance of 10 centuries of history but motivated by a growing spirit of a new intellectual vista. Now contrast them with our age, where we have inherited three centuries or more of expanding freedom of the mind but become increasingly inhibited, and unable to cope with a growing material burden. If I look upon those leaders, it seems to me that perhaps no other period came so near to the Platonic ideal:

"Until philosophers are kings, or the kings and princes of this world have the spirit and power of philosophy, and political greatness and wisdom meet in one, and those commoner natures who pursue either to the exclusion of the other are compelled to stand aside, cities will never have rest from their evils, – no, nor the human race, as I believe, – and then only will this our State have a possibility of life and behold the light of day."

NOTE LOSS OF 1871 ADJUSTED

When the Chicago fire of 1871 burned many persons out of their homes and offices, it was estimated that one million dollars of U. S. currency was lost forever. Ever since that time the treasury has carried the item of one million dollars as a deduction from the U. S. notes outstanding in the hands of the public.

At last this amount has now been pro-rated against the various denominations of "Greenbacks." Last June the sum was spread among the notes on an estimated basis. Since the $2.00 and the $5.00 are still in current emission, the figures of the monthly circulation statement do not reflect the full effect of this adjustment. The other figures show the "write-off" together with additional monthly redemptions. Herewith are the comparative statements showing the change:

May 31, 1955 Before Adjustment		June 30, 1955 After Adjustment
$ 5,124,337	Ones	$ 5,118,042
67,496,757	Twos	68,298,847
236,836,505	Fives	235,432,890
6,616,846	Tens	6,563,146
2,524,872	Twenties	2,434,772
497,175	Fifties	201,975
600,600	Hundreds	330,500
453,500	500's	353,500
500,000	1000's	330,000
$320,650,592	Totals	$319,063,672
1,000,000	Deduct	
$319,650,592	Net total	

The individual numbers of notes estimated to have been burned are: 5,000 ones; 3,500 twos; 2,000 fives; 5,300 tens; 4,500 twenties; 5,900 fifties; 2,700 hundreds; 200 five hundreds; and 170 thousands.

During June there were, of course, other redemptions of ones, twos, fives, tens, twenties, fifties and hundreds. The twos and fives are redeemed and re-issued in the usual course of business, large and small size notes being taken in, with small notes replacing the large ones.

If a total of one million dollars was destroyed in the Chicago fire, it would be reasonable to suppose that some were national bank notes which were in use at that time and circulating in the midwest.

In all probability, a good share of the ones, a majority of which are large notes, have been lost or destroyed. During the last 84 years, it is likely that several million dollars of all kinds of U. S. currency have been lost or destroyed in some irretrievable manner. It is not possible to determine the loss. The report of a million dollars a month is probably too high.

We are indebted to E. J. Kious, special assistant treasurer, for the detail on the estimated amount of notes burned and charged off the books. — ROBERT H. LLOYD

A COLLECTOR'S DREAM

Last night I had a vision on my bed
(I had looked through my modest coin collection)
Before my sight there rose a gorgeous spread
Of rarest coins in wonderful perfection,
A very treasure house of minted things
Such as are "finds" of bankers and of kings.

Rome's heavy bronzes of prodigious size
Those who are precious far beyond compare,
Hoary with age, but ranking high in price
For being quaint and venerable and rare,
Old Janus always has a queer attraction
So has the ancient ship of state in action.

Hellenic proudest gold and silver kind,
Ionic artistry from Asia Minor's shore
Proud samples of die-sinkers art and mind,
And Lower Italy's abundant store
Didrachms of Athens and Ephesus,
King Philip's coins and gems from Syracuse.

Of modern currencies there was a host
With prince and king of many a foreign land,
With glittering crowns so easy found and lost —
Of proud republics who retain their stand,
Bracteates also which are now the fury,
And . . . buttonry defying judge and jury.

— G. L. SCHANZLIN

SOME IFS FOR COIN COLLECTORS

If you can keep your coins and still be contented when other collectors are selling theirs to make a little profit;

If you can trust your judgment of prices and conditions when others hesitate to believe their own, and never let your purse strings get too loose;

If you can study coins and never get tired of studying or discouraged when you can't find all the answers;

If you can dream of coins desired and never stay awake at night just wishing and planning;

If you can want certain coins and not let your wants become a mental block;

If you can lose the purchase of a must and not become despondent, but be satisfied to wait another moon;

If you can enjoy hearing the truth about your affliction from family, friends and the psychiatrist, yet retain your sanity and friendly smile;

If you can watch the collections of your fellow collectors be auctioned when their earthly interests are over, and not feel a bit remorseful;

If you can display your coins with a sense of pride and humility and never breathe a word about their worth;

If you can be envied without becoming egotistical and can continue to enjoy your hobby to the fullest;

If you can appreciate another's collection without coveting a single piece and enjoy hearing others say their coins are superior to yours;

If you can talk with coin fanatics or buy from sharpies and still retain your pleasant disposition without losing sight of the purpose of your hobby;

If you don't let falling prices and a few counterfeits tempt you to lose faith in coins and man alike, but study and profit from such discouraging experiences;

If you can meet and talk with coin neophytes and experts alike, and never appear too smart or too dumb;

If all collectors (beginners and advanced) mean the same to you, and your sharing is your remuneration, and you feel your indebtedness to God and man;

If all your idle moments have been made into happy memories and your table's not kept bare of necessities;

If you are always satisfied with any condition coin to fill a hole and don't spend more than you can afford to improve your collection;

Then, collector, you just aren't human. — CHARLES L. RUBY

Report of the General Secretary

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Applicants numbered 24677-24782 as published in the October issue have been admitted to membership.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications were received in October 1955. If there are no objections filed prior to January 1, 1956, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the February 1956 issue.

24903 **M/Sgt. Raymond Ray,** RA38658272, Fin. & Acctg. Off., Berlin Comd., APO 742, New York, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Charles A. Lindburg.
24904 **Frederick James Monteagle,** 84 Oakmont Ave., Piedmont, Calif. Carson City Mint Coins, Edward Fogler.
24905 **Arthur E. Kleeman,** 2746 32nd St., Sacramento 17, Calif. U. S. and General. Edward Fogler.
24906 **Andrew Ness,** Box 8, White Pigeon, Michigan. General. Lewis M. Reagan.

24907 **James B. Jewell,** 132 Hogarth Ave., Niles, Ohio. U. S. Proof and Unc., also some Gold. W. Wm. Darr.
24908 **Harold B. Metcalf, Sr.,** Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis 6, Indiana. Unc. rolls and Proof sets. W. E. Pollard, Lee T. Long.
24909 **Kenneth L. Williams,** P. O. Box 702, Sylacauga, Alabama. U. S. Coins. Virgil W. Hogan, Edwin B. Livingeton.
24910 **Charles Kinaman,** 1107 W. 14th, Wichita 3, Kans. General. I. E. Rumpf, D. E. McGinnis.
24911 **Thomas M. Flynn,** 2444 Broadway, Dubuque, Iowa. U. S. Silver and Gold. Elston G. Bradfield.
24912 **Ernest R. Yerxa,** 75 Kenduskeag Ave., Bangor, Maine. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24913 **Ralph B. Scanlin,** 952 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif. Wm. H. Smith.
24914 **Edward M. Shockley,** P. O. Box 142, Snow Hill, Maryland. U. S. Coins. D. W. Karp, L. R. Karp.
24915 **R. S. Benson,** 833 S. Spring St., Los Angeles 14, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24916 **Edwin Cades,** 4601 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J. U. S. Coins and Currency. Lewis M. Reagan.
24917 **Mrs. Caroline E. Shaw,** Heller Rd., R. D. 4, Box 389, Quakertown, Penn. General. Martin Bluysted, James Orts.
24918 **Dr. Raymond P. Hoesten,** 10402 209 St., Queens Village 29, N. Y. U. S. Commemoratives and types, small foreign (roll). Robert Cohn, Dr. T. A. Vince.
24919 **John H. Whitbeck,** 519 Woodbury St., Miles City, Montana. General. C. R. Dawley, Orville G. Isaac.
24920 **Charles R. Kramer,** Oley, Penn. Lnicoln cents. Cyrus G. Rhode.
24921 **Carl J. Olson,** 616 Smith Street, Richland, Washington. General. Lewis M. Reagan, A. G. Schue.
24922 **Donald V. Jackson,** Kanaranzi, Minn. General. Eddie Hanson, Lester Wiese.
24923 **Leonid Sodermann,** Pohj. Rautatienkatu 19 C 27, Helsinki, Finland. Russia, Finland Gold, Silver and Copper. James Kelly.
24924 **Patrick O. Bowman,** Mt. Gretna, Pa. U. S. Coins. Paul H. Yocum, George D. Krouse.
24925 **Edward G. Thomas,** P. O. Box 458, Gridley, California. U. S. Coins. R. E. MacBeth. Joe De Bock.
24926 **Charles E. Garrett, Sr.,** 4003 Brownlee Rd., St. Matthews, Kentucky. General. D. W. Karp, L. R. Karp.
24927 **Capt. Joe E. Gist,** USAF, Box 357, Hq. 3960th AB Wing, APO 334, San Francisco, Calif. General. Darrell E. Grow.
24928 **William Meisner,** c/o Geo. Washington H. S., Agana, Guam, M. I. U. S. Coins. Walter M. Lazier.
24929 **Robert G. Simons,** 166 Gleason Avenue, Akron 12, Ohio. U. S. Coins in Unc. condition. H. Y. Baker.
24930 **Simeon B. Cook,** 7813 Bellamah, N.E., Albuquerque, N. M. U. S. Coins. Don Sherer, F. Harper Hull.
24931 **Mrs. Fanny E. Nahrgang,** 3207 3rd Ave., North, Great Falls, Montana. General. C. R. Dawley.
24932 **Steven Zitin,** Thomas Wynne Apt., Wynnewood, Pa., U. S. Coins. Harvey Saligman, D. M. Bullowa.
24933 **Burton I. Doling,** 4343 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif. U. S. Minor Coins. Abe Kosoff.
24934 **Edward C. Bushman,** 1802 W. 6th St., Racine, Wisconsin. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24935 **Wilbur Pyles,** 86 South Tasmania, Pontiac, Michigan. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24936 **Searcy Bracewell,** 3920 University Blvd., Houston, Texas. General. A. J. Mitula.
24937 **H. W. MacKenzie,** Drawer A, Poynette, Wisconsin. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24938 **Lester A. Toro Lucchetti,** P. O. Box 10202, Caparra Heights, P. R. U. S. Coins. A. C. Bob Reuter.
24939 **Ethel L. Parry,** 3709 30th Ave., Astoria 3, New York. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24940 **Bernth Ahlstrom,** Box 7292, Stockholm 7, Sweden. Large sizes gold coins of Sweden. J. Pedersen.
24941 **Jack De Neut,** R. R. 2, Box 498, Florissant, Mo. U. S. Coins, one cent to fifty cents. Paul Edward Coulter, Harry E. Coulter.
24942 **James H. Duke, Jr.,** 2238 Brewton St., Montgomery 7, Alabama. U. S. Coins. George Henry Davis.
24943 **Gordon C. Staab,** 6524 N. 33rd St., Omaha 11, Neb. General. A. E. Bebee, A. W. Wilson.
24944 **Paul Key Lucas.** P. O. Box 747, Ingleside, Texas. Rare gold coins and medals. G. B. Diamond, N. R. Erskine, Ollie R. Stewart.
24945 **Mrs. John H. Stephens,** 8501 St. Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn 9, N. Y. General. Earl M. McClanahan.
24946 **Harold H. Berk,** 576 E. Market St., Warren, Ohio. U. S. currency and coins and certain foreign coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24947 **John W. Swigart.** 1815 Mifflin St., Huntingdon, Pa. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24948 **Dr. George W. Hardt,** 295 Delavan Ave., Byram, Conn. General. Dr. James V. Halloman, Dr. William Bris.
24949 **Warren J. Delaney,** Box 552, Palos Heights, Illinois. U. S. Proof and Gold. A. E. Bebee.
24950 **Russell O. Nation,** 528 S. 25th St., New Castle, Indiana. U. S. coins. C. R. Bright.
24951 **Karl Van Sant,** Box 66, Cayuga, Indiana. Unc. coins, '38-'55, and large cents. Lewis M. Reagan.
24952 **Dr. Robert G. Cushman,** 2033 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville 4, Fla. U. S. coins. J. P. H. DePass, Wm. Nolting, Wm. Decker.

24953 **Arthur H. Menning,** 777 Michigan Ave., Wilmette, Illinois. Silver and Gold coins. F. L. Downey, J. E. O'Shaughnessy.
24954 **Arthur F. Gronau,** 508 N. Encina St., Rialto, Calif. Pennies. Lewis M. Reagan.
24955 **Roy G. Long,** 105 Euclid Ave., Minerva, Ohio. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24956 **Harold N. Lenker,** Box 1, Millersburg, Pa. General. Merle A. Miller, R. C. Walters, A. F. Hawley.
24957 **Paul A. Troutman,** 198 North St., Millersburg, Pa. U. S. Gold. Robert C. Walters, F. J. Bolton.
24958 **John M. Watson, Jr.,** P. O. Box 688, Cavern Supply Co., Carlsbad, N. M. Late American coins. L. A. May.
24959 **Dr. Fred R. Banfield,** Whitesboro, Texas. General. Neeman Marcus.
24960 **Honolulu Coin Club,** Herbert Schlansky, Pres., 1917 "C", Algaroba St., Honolulu 14, T. H. M. E. Miller, Frank E. Wolfgang, Avon Sein Leong, O. J. Burnett, Henry Kenway Luke.
24961 **Robert A. Willey,** Greensboro, Vermont. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24962 **Mrs. Jack B. Leal,** 521 W. 8th St., Hanford, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24963 **C. E. Presian,** 17100 Amber Drive, Cleveland 11, Ohio. U. S. coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24964 **Billy Patteson,** 4908 Fisk Street, Houston 22, Texas. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24965 **Ena Corbaley,** 360 East 55th St., Apt. 11-G, New York 22, N. Y. U. S. and Oriental coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Gordon C. Corbaley.
24966 **J. E. Solis,** Santa Maria, Texas. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24967 **William H. Chandler,** 2158 N.W. 7th Place, Gainesville, Florida. Fifty cent, U. S. Lewis M. Reagan.
24968 **Quentin P. Davis,** 3211 Second St., Wyandotte, Michigan. U. S. coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24969 **Joseph I. North,** 283 Textile Ave., Lowell, Mass. U. S. coins. Ralph Goldstone.
24970 **Ivan L. Klann,** 216 E. Lindberg, Springfield, Missouri. Modern U. S. coins. Jake B. Sureck.
24971 **Nerio Bustos Rodriguez,** Casilla De Correo 2421, Buenos Aires, Argentina. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24972 **George W. Smith,** 1418 N. Washington Ave., Scranton 9, Pa. Canadian and U. S. coins. Robert A. Butler, G. Herbert Bingham.
24973 **Harold E. White,** Windyknoll, R. D. 6, Butler, Pa. U. S. and Canadian coins. William A. Gaede.
24974 **H. Richardson,** 500 North Pine St., Ponca City, Okla. Anna Lee Erwin, P. K. Anderson, A. H. Erwin.
24975 **Mrs. Pierce B. Thiot,** P. O. Box 553, Brunswick, Georgia. Gold coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24976 **Joseph B. Schenberg,** 7873 Wayne Ave., University City 14, Missouri. U. S. coins. Dr. B. W. Klippel, I. W. Rubin.
24977 **Robert Z. Carlisle,** 101 W. Lockheed, Midwest City, Okla. General. P. K. Anderson, Dr. John F. Lhotka, Jr., Lewis M. Reagan.
24978 **Jerry Lannan,** 620 W. 1st, Bartlesville, Okla. General. P. K. Anderson, Lewis M. Reagan.
24979 **Benjamin J. Godlewski,** 184 South 2nd St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y. U. S. and Comm. coins. John Wiese.
24980 **Arthur M. Tilseth,** 4401 46 Ave. South., Minneapolis 6, Minn. General. Leonard R. Peterson.
24981 **Puget Sound Numismatic Society,** Jack R. Koch, Pres., Box 1717, Station "A", Bremerton, Washington. Lewis M. Reagan.
24982 **Lauretta Greene,** 1243 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif. Lincoln cents and Comm. Robert Greene, Louis Friend.
24983 **Col. L. W. Ford,** JUSMAG (Spain), APO 285, New York, N. Y. U. S. Gold. Arthur L. Russell.
24984 **Gordon K. Whitmore,** 2406 Whitmore Ave., Ceres, California. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
24985 **William G. Clutter,** Box 32, Portland, New York. General. Arthur Tarr, William Kaustanaex.
24986 **George H. Johnson,** 122 Smallwood Ave., Belleville 9, N. J. U. S. coins. A. J. Chance.
24987 **A. Bruce Bowden,** 122 Washington Ave., Pittsburgh 18, Penn. U. S. coins. Robert F. Pruner.
24988 **Robert J. Mangan,** 320 Prescott Ave., Scranton 10, Penn. U. S. coins. Robert A. Butler.
24989 **Meridian Stamp Shop,** 2351 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis 8, Indiana. Thos. W. McDowell, W. Creighton Kimler, Jr.
24990 **Thos. P. Wielgus,** 1104 S. Cuyler Ave., Oak Park, Illinois. U. S. coins. George Price.
24991 **John O. Enander,** R.F.D. 4, Barrington, Illinois. U. S. and Swedish coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
24992 **Philip J. Flaherty,** 455 W. State Street, Trenton 8, N. J. General. Philip P. Perkins.
24993 **Walter F. Kaplan,** 176 28th Ave., San Francisco 21, Calif. U. S. paper money. A. Kosoff, M. H. Bolender.
24994 **Wm. H. McLaughlin,** Route 2, Orlando, Okla. General. Gloyd McVicker, Ralph W. Osborne.
24995 **E. Eugene McGeorge,** 565 Stone Wall Cts. 2500 Independence Ave., Kansas City 24, Missouri. U. S. coins. Wm. Mertes, Dr. Z. A. Barnes.
24996 **Mrs. Lloyd W. St. John,** 165 E. Market St., Tiffin, Ohio. U. S. coins. Tessie E. Green.
24997 **Mrs. J. Hilbert Sapp,** 801 Seville Pl., Orlando, Florida. U. S. coins, Buffalo nickels. William F. Sneed, Jr., John J. Smith, Jr.
24998 **Robert C. Howley,** 313 North Main St., Mt. Prospect, Illinois. I. H. cents, nickels. Herman R. Noll.
24999 **John Swaney,** 96 Mt. Vernon St., Boston 8, Mass. Uncirculated coins. Lewis M. Reagan.

25000 **Bernard Klaif,** 1080 East 36th St., Brooklyn 16, N. Y. General. Morris Klaif, C. H. Ryan.
25001 **Dr. Earl M. Eaton,** 1011 American Bldg., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. American coins and currency. Burton Saxton.
25002 **Dr. John L. Mitchell, Jr.,** 216 South Cooper St., Memphis 4, Tenn. General. Stanley J. Robold, Sam Taubenblatt.
25003 **Dr. Robert W. Garis,** Ambassador Apts., Baltimore 18, Maryland. U. S. coins. Orin C. Jennings, Philip G. Straus.
25004 **Frank H. Pfund,** 5923 Taylor St., Hollywood, Florida. General. George L. Marshall.
25005 **W. Howard Biddell,** F. R. N. S., "Dorrington," Outer Circular Road, Anuradhapura, Ceylon. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25006 **Mrs. Naomi Cherkofsky,** 15 Aberdeen Ave., Saugus, Mass. General. Ralph Goldstone.
25007 **Joseph A. Navarro,** 3182 15 Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Fla. General. Joseph H. Press.
25008 **Alta Martin,** Wilder, Idaho. General. Leiws M. Reagan.
25009 **Bernard Kentor,** 6299 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Penn. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25010 **Lois L. Price,** 9 Armory St., Springfield, Mass. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25011 **Alaquah,** 40 Brick Church Plaza, East Orange, N. J. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25012 **David C. Hart,** 2534 S. Gilpin, Denver 1, Colo. U. S. coins. Dan Brown.
25013 **Howard M. McGee,** 1272 Agnes Pl., Memphis, Tenn. U. S. coins. W. Broverick.
25014 **William H. Ott,** 653 Kerper St., Philadelphia 11, Penn. U. S. coins. Alexander Kaptik, L. A. Pettitt.
25015 **J. B. Teems,** 2003 North Hickory St., Chattanooga 6, Tenn. U. S. coins, paper money, minor freaks. G. M. Marler, R. L. Teems.
25016 **Julius Zulver,** 2700 Manhattan Ave., Baltimore 16, Maryland. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25017 **Paul F. Armbrister,** Pearisburg, Virginia. U. S. coins and paper money. Lewis M. Reagan.
25018 **Linwood J. Burroughs,** c/o Burroughs Restaurant, Ward's Corner, Norfolk, Virginia. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25019 **Michael Ponticelli,** 1230 De Kalb Ave., Brooklyn 21, N. Y. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
25020 **Major Woodrow A. Abbott,** 2204 Lewisdale Drive, Hyattsville, Maryland. General. Jerome R. Frazelle.
25021 **Wm. A. Maramaldi,** 254 Hillside Ave., Palisades Park, New Jersey. U. S. coins. Peter L. Marchiony. Frank J. Ortolano. Edward Minck.
25022 **Paul M. Mohn,** P. O. Box 14, Wickliffe, Ohio. U. S. coins. Henry L. Elliott.
25023 **Edward Holcomb,** 544 Colby St., San Lorenzo, Calif. U. S. coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
25024 **Bates H. Johnston,** 213 Bonita Ave., Piedmont 11, Calif. U. S. Silver and Half Dollars. R. A. Wilson.
25025 **Walter L. Hubbard,** 3217 Balmora Ave., Chicago 25, Illinois. U. S. Comm. Theodore F. Pokorney.
25026 **George T. Hann,** 14445 Kilbourne Ave., Detroit 13, Michigan. U. S. and Canadian coins and paper money. Earl C. Schill.

DECEASED

9680 **James S. Hardy,** Chicago, Illinois
20729 **Lynn Saunders,** St. Louis, Mo.
LM162 **John C. Schoy,** Stockton 6, Calif.
7050 **M. C. Sweney,** Des Moines, Iowa.
8338 **John R. Thetford,** Dunedin, Florida.

RESIGNED

14214 **Charles W. Beard,** 119 Ann St., Hartford 3, Conn.
24011 **Don Poirot,** 613 State St., Belleville, Illionis.

REINSTATEMENT

17084 **R. R. Fitzgibbons,** 9313 10th Ave., Inglewood, Calif.
7474 **J. B. McMath,** 6532 Lakeshore Dr., Dallas 14, Texas.
16640 **Charles E. Reed,** 814 Starling Ave. Martinsville, Va.
11064 **Lt. John G. Shelley, Jr.,** R.F.D. 5, Wellesley, Mass.
5733 **W. R. Stoll,** 12841 Ball Road, Anaheim, Calif.

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LM282 **David Graham,** ICA Mission to China, APO 63, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

23747 **Chicopee Coin Club,** John C. Lukas, Secy., 76 Chestnut St., Chicopee, Mass.
20202 **Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Assn.,** Herman L. Boraker, Secy., Box 204, Rocky Ford, Colo.
6380 **San Diego Numismatic Society,** Eugene D. Johnston, Secy., 1006 Broadway, San Diego 1, Calif.
20258 **San Gabriel Valley Coin Club,** F. V. Frey, Secy., 627 Park Ave., S. Pasadena, Calif.
5592 **Seattle Coin Club,** Annette B. Graves, Secy., 912 3rd Ave. West, Seattle 99, Wash.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. Sometimes a carbon copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information – and encouragement – to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space. All copy should be typewritten, double-spaced, and written on one side of the paper only. Please condense your reports and write them so they conform to the style of those printed below. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Please send reports to the Editor.

ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Quarterly meeting in Pine Bluff, at Atkins Lake, Aug. 14th; Pres. Harlan Blaine presided; 31 present; refreshments. Certain changes in the constitution and by-laws were adopted.

Pres. Blaine suggested a vote of thanks to retiring President Matt Rothert, for his services to the society for the past two years. Dick McGille then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Rothert for having so successfully led the movement to have the motto "In God We Trust" placed on U. S. paper money. Both votes carried unanimously. Dick reminded the members that Matt had first suggested this at the meeting of the society in Mountain Home, Ark., on November 1, 1953, and with the society immediately made plans to launch this campaign. He enthusiastically traced the history of this campaign from that point to the day the bill passed the senate. A companion bill had previously passed the house. The members spontaneously then gave Matt a rising vote of thanks.

John Brown had a nice display of proof 5c pieces. Matt Rothert had a nice display of U. S. and foreign gold pieces.

– RANDOLPH T. SMITH
Secretary

BERGEN COUNTY COIN CLUB – 17th meeting at River Edge, N. J., Boro Fire House, Oct. 19; 37 present; Vice President Anton Mayer presided.

"Col." Cecil Ryan who is one of our honorary members was elected to the A.N.A. board of governors; we are very proud to have him as one of us. He reported on his visit with Harry Mathews to the NENA convention at Providence Oct. 8-9 at which he was guest speaker. Also he was awarded first prize for his exhibit of foreign gold.

Exhibits:

Saul Bellus: 5 and 3 mark Brunswick commemoratives with U. Luneb 1915.

Arthur Bloch: Complete set small Canadian cents.

Austin DePalma: Complete set 1928-G $2 bills, A to L, and of 1953, A to R.

A. R. Feldman: Blank planchets – small and large cents, five cent piece, twenty cent piece; freak cents.

Chas. Fuhr: 1913 proof $½.

Frederic Gombash: San Marino 5-10-20 lire; Latvia 1-2-5 lati; Lichtenstein 1-2-5 kroner.

Rees Jones: South Africa proof set (with gold).

Dave Matas: Uncut, unc., unsigned broken bank wildcat money.

Harry C. Mathews: $5 small federal notes; set of large cents ex. 1794 and 1799.

George E. Meyer: $5 bill. series 1914.

Chas. Ragot: Coins with cities and maps on them – 11 pieces; eight lapel buttons in embossed brass from centennial expo. 1876; three trade dollars – Pedley Ryan & Co., Denver.

C. H. Ryan: Gold medal of American Society of Civil Engineers, 1888, awarded for best essay on engineering.

Anton Mayer: Trade dollar hollowed out for picture; 1929 S. L. $¼ unc.

Theo. L. Schnur: Copy of Augustus Humbert $50; Greece – 100 drachmi – 1935 proof.

Emil Stefanacci: U. S. cents 1857-1909.

Rocco Stefanacci: S. L. $¼ 1916-1930.

Walter Stefanacci: Large cents 1826-1856.

Loren A. Stafford: Small dollar bill with rejection flag on obverse and white crease on reverse.

Gerald Van Dyk: Collection of Indian head cents; 1885-CC $1 unc. 1955 German Schiller comm. proof.

Michael Zingale: German 3 and 5 marks complete.

– LOREN A. STAFFORD
Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB – 266th meeting Oct. 26; Concourse Plaza hotel; this was the 22nd anniversary of the club and was celebrated with a delicious dinner and a large birthday cake. Pres. Gallo presided; 39 present. Abraham Kosoff and Abner Kreisberg, our California members, were present to help celebrate.

Mr. Beresford presented Martin Kortjohn with a set of gold coins of his birth year, in appreciation for his diligent and faithful service to the club.

– SAUL BELLUS
Acting Secretary

BROOKLINE COIN CLUB – 35th meeting downtown YMCA, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.; Emerson Smith presided; 16 present.

Emerson Smith, our president, told us of a recent visit he had with R. Green, prominent Chicago dealer. He said that they had quite a discussion on the coin market especially from an investment point of view. They both arrived at the conclusion that coins can go nowhere but up, up, up!!!

Clark C. Stockdale attended the Canadian Numismatic convention in Ottawa.

Phil Williams exhibited a spade guinea. Ray Byrne exhibited his type set highlighted by the recent addition of a 1796 quarter and a 1796 half dollar both about uncirculated. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

– JOHN D. KEANE
Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB – 267th meeting, Sept. 7, Granada Hotel; Emil Voigt presiding; 53 present.

Mr. Gallo reported that he and his various committees have started work on the 1956 Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention.

Mr. Ryan reported attending the Omaha convention. Attendance far exceeded the number of badges available.

Exhibits:

H. S. Bernstein: 27 proof dimes 1801-1890.

Bernard Blatt: Counterfeit half dollar.

Ausin Di Palma: Counterfeit 3 dollar gold, Confederate $100 – 7% bond.

A. R. Feldman: Broken bank notes of South and North Carolina.

Harvey A. Friedman: Fractional currency and Liberty standing half dollars.

Norman Gordon: Collection of nickels and dimes.

Michael Granis: Proof dimes, Liberty seated; Russian plate money and three Spanish pieces of eight.

S. H. Kitzler: Monroe commemorative half dollar, silver medallion of the Lausanne shooting festival 1954.

Michael MacDougal: 20 unc. foreign gold and commemorative U. S. gold.

David Matas: Mercury dime with back off center, 1899 Barber dime small planchet restamped.

Anton Mayer: Liberty head dimes, freak $5 bill 1950-A.

Victor J. Melnechuck: Silver riyal of Annam 1855, puffin of Lundy Island 1929 and gold 7½ rubles of Russia, 1897.

S. J. Melnick: Pillar dollar 1755, tetradrachm of Syria, Antiochus IV, thaler 1741, uniface bouquet token of Canada.

Irving Mertik: Piedforts and essais of France, 20th century, complete series of Greenland.

Vincent Nicoletti: Dimes 1916-1945.

Miss Rachel Passione: Collection of dimes.

R. Picker: Bar cent, Washington funeral silver medal

S. Schiffman: South Africa coronation set with gold.

Theodore L. Schnur: Indian cents and $1 Cal. gold token.

Tony Sebrow: Set of Mercury dimes.

Emil Voigt: 50 Peso Mexico gold.

Boris Wishy: 5 ruble gold of Russia, 1909, Not One Cent token, off-center $1 bill.

– SIDNEY H. KITZLER,
Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB – 441st meeting Oct. 12, 61 present; Pres. Elston G. Bradfield presided.

Clyde Grimm presented the revised A.N.A. slides on colonial coins, which contain many coins from Mr. Grimm's own collection and his presentation was made with justifiable pride. Response was enthusiastic.

Exhibits:

Lee Hewitt: three French pattern coins in piedfort.

William C. Berry: Five and one pound gold coins of Egypt.

Arlie Slabaugh: Piece of continental currency and an entry from a ledger sheet indicating payment for the hand signing of a quantity of continental notes. Payment for this work was made in shillings rather than notes.

Ernest Jonas: Eleven Columbus medals in different metals illustrating variations in portraits of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sheldon: A.N.A. convention medals 1929 to date. Mr. Sheldon has accepted the responsibility of designing the 1956 convention medal and displayed these pieces to stimulate ideas for designs from the members.

Michael Dolnick: Six silver crown-size coins depicting horses in honor of national Save the Horse Week. Also 2 pice copper coin of Baroda with only a horse's hoof to illustrate what happens when we do not save the horse.

Earl C. Brown: Bronze medal commemorating discovery of Pikes Peak.

Harry X Boosel: Small cents 1856-1909-S in proof; coin bracelet of $2½ gold pieces and pattern 1873 double eagle in copper.

– MICHAEL M. DOLNICK
Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB – 188th meeting Sept. 7 Carter Hotel; Pres. Matt Gazso presided; 15 present; auction. A. J. Croshier gave a fine report on the A.N.A. convention in Omaha. Mrs. Nora Forrest spoke on the signs of the zodiac, Leo for August and Virgo for September.

Exhibits:

Matt Gazso: German proof coins, mostly commemoratives.

Joe Lucas: Owls of Athena and the book *The Art of Collecting Coins.*

Laura Caddy: Had her display of commemoratives but due to the hour she will bring them and speak about them at some future date.

A. J. Croshier: Convention journal, badges, etc.

Nate Gold: Convention souvenirs, including an Omaha parking ticket.

– MARJORIE S. GOLD
Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB – 189th meeting Oct. 5 at Carter Hotel; Pres. Matt Gazso presided; 18 present; auction. Dr. Y. A. Sargis and Michael Kolman reported on the Ohio state convention. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Nora Forrest spoke on Gemini and Libra, the Zodiac signs for June and October.

Displays:

Joe Lucas: Napoleon medals and 1917 quarter.

Matt Gazso: Three types of Canadian silver dollars.

James Kirkwood: Collection of foreign currency.

Meredith Young: Ancient coins.

– MARJORIE GOLD
Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND – Meeting Providence Sheraton-Biltmore hotel, Sept. 30th; 32 present; auction.

Pres. Constable announced that the plan of having a member take over each meeting and be responsible for that meeting and its activity would be followed again this year. Mr. Bushnell will have the Oct. meeting, Mr. Grant the Nov. meeting and Mr. Wrathall the Dec. meeting thus filling out this year.

– DONALD S. WRATHALL
Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND – Regular meeting Sheraton-Biltmore hotel, Providence, R. I., Oct. 28th; 34 present.

Fred Bushnell spoke on the maundy money of England and on English coins in general. His talk was illustrated with a fine selection of coins from his personal collection.

H. M. Grant spoke on owning the records and minute book of the coin club that preceded ours and said that he desired that it be put in the club archives. He stressed that those archives be made as secure as possible against the loss or damage.

Exhibits:

Mr. Bushnell: Tray of English crowns and maundy money.

Mr. Brook: Album of flying eagle cents.

Dr. Constable: American gold and silver in holders.

Mr. Grant: Proof sets, misstruck cents, medals and ancient coins, all in lucite.

Mr. Grossi: Small and large cents in albums.

Mr. Richardson: Small and large cents in albums.

– DONALD S. WRATHALL
Secretary

EAST BAY COIN CLUB – Meeting Sept. 9, Hotel Claremont; Mr. Eaton presided; 57 present; auction; refreshments.

Future meetings will be held in the Danish Hall, 164 11th St., Oakland, Calif.

Walt Ritchie spoke briefly on the Coinival. Some new features will be tried this year, including an award for the "best in show" exhibit.

Leo Young presented to Edward Fogler the A.N.A. medal of merit.

Exhibits:

A. G. K. Jakobsen: Device for reaming out plastic holders.

Clifford H. Bloom: Republic of France 100 fr. gold 1904.

Richard Dodge: Buffalo nickel 1931-S unc.; 1937 proof.

Michael K. Carr: 1949-S mint set; 1950 and 1955 proof sets.

Wm. C. Schulz: Chinese banknotes and coins they illustrate; Japanese occupation currency for the United States.

D. L. Rhodes: One-half crowns of England from 1683 to 1940.

Chas. R. Bigelow: 1934-S dollar; medal of the Republican party.

Don T. Thrall: Miscellaneous Californiana.

F. J. Monteagle: Article in Austin, Nevada, Reese River *Reveille* concerning issuance of 1, 2, 3 cent pieces in 1871.

Leo Young: Pikes Peak $10; Kellogg $20; Humbert $50; Hawaiian $1 proof; Yap stone money; Oriental silver bracelet money; commemorative gold set.

Charles N. Peters spoke on price trends of coins. He explained how he gathered and recorded his information. John Ohls next spoke on his commemorative coins and the symbolism on coins. He showed three coins and explained the symbols.

– DON THRALL
Recording Secretary

EAST BAY COIN CLUB – Meeting Oct. 14, Danish Hall, Oakland, Calif. Pres. Gilbert D. Eaton presided; auction; refreshments; 71 present.

Displays:

Leo A. Young: Shield nickels in proof.

Kirby Brown: Four Judean coins – ½ shekel, three small bronze coins.

Chas. R. Bigelow: United States gold coins.

Michael K. Carr: 1860 3-cent silver; 1851 3-cent nickel; 1929-S quarter; 1946-S Booker T. Washington.

Ken Allen: Gold and large bills.

Don T. Thrall: Danish type collection.

D. L. Rhodes: *Numismatist* July 1926 on Bryan money; Bryan campaign button; 2-thaler Nassau 1860.

Arnold Rosing: Cuban gold set 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 pesos.

Earl Parker: Alaska museum booklet.

Clifford H. Bloom: Three Danish gold coins – 20 kr. 1912, 1916, 10 kr. 1873.

Charles N. Peters: 1804 $10 gold; first edition Blue Book.

Roy Hill: Coins of Greenland and Iceland; Canada dollar 1955; Canadian wooden nickels.

Earl Parker told us of his recent trip to Alaska on the occasion of his 25th wedding anniversary. They flew to Portland, stopped at Seattle, Victoria, and Vancouver, then took the boat up the Inside Passage.

– DON T. THRALL
Recording Secretary

FINGER LAKES NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – Regular election meeting Oct. 9th in the Municipal Auditorium, Watkins Glen, N. Y.; following officers were elected to serve until October, 1956: President, F. P. Hinman, Burdett; Vice President, Walter A. Warters, Mansfield, Penna.; Vice President, Lester Coe, Elmira; Secretary-Treasurer, George W. Hoyt, Penn Yan.

Permanent directors: Charles W. Foster, Rushville; Harry A. Lunn, Ithaca; Charles Vorhes, Brooktondale; W. O. White, Watkins Glen.

District chairmen: J. H. Ambrose, for Canandaigua area; Lester Reimsnyder, Elmira area; Melvin Rudy, Watkins area; Lt. Col. L. R. Stoltz, Geneva area; Harry A. Lunn, Ithaca area; Walter A. Warters, Corning and Penna. area.

We have a slide projector and are endeavoring to make our meetings interesting and educational. At present our membership is about 50 with an average attendance of 20.

– GEORGE W. HOYT
Secretary-Treasurer

GREENSBORO COIN CLUB – 19th meeting Oct. 8 Mayfair Cafeteria; 30 present; auction.

Slide set No. 3 "U. S. Types, Half Cents to Twenty Cents" was shown and enjoyed by all present.

Exhibits:

J. M. Miller: 1907 A.U. $20 gold Arabic date; $1 and $2 ed. series silver cert. prac. unc.; album large size currency and fractional cur.

S. M. Hupman, Jr.: Sheet $5 and $10 small size natl. cur.; partial set Comm. Gold.

J. W. B. Bason: 1855 F. E. cent pattern coin.

– J. W. B. BASON
Secretary

HARRISBURG COIN CLUB – Meeting Sept. 28 American Legion Post home, Hummelstown, Pa.; 35 present. Dr. M. W. Emrick exhibited his collection of "fakes," consisting of copies, restrikes, electrotypes, etc., of the following: Sommer Islands shilling, Carolina elephant token, bar cent, Pine Tree shilling, Nova Constellatio, Confederatio cents, Higley copper 1737, Pitt tokens, New York cent 1787, N. Y. Clinton, N. Y. Excelsior, Confederate half dollar, gold slugs, Confederate cent, Washington cents, cents of 1792, N. J. cents; also, a collection of Columbus medals.

– JAMES N. WAGNER
Secretary

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB – Meeting Oct. 7th Hawthorne Plant of the Western Electric Co., Cicero, Ill. G. Formella presided; 31 present; auction.

H. Mareska introduced a new project which he wishes to have ready for the January meeting. It is to be a display of "California Tokens." He invited the members to enter their tokens and, if possible, give a little history of each submitted.

Our speaker of the evening was Clyde Grimm, who congratulated and thanked us for our participation in National Coin Week. Along with his interesting talk "Main Paths and By-ways in Coin Collecting," Mr. Grimm displayed some unusual coins. A "Bon Voyage" was expressed to Mr. Grimm, as he is leaving Chicago on an extended tour. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

– MARIE H. KALISH
Secretary

JUNIOR NUMISMATICS CLUB OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO – At Oct. 5 meeting in Martin Luther Church, eight were present. At the Oct. 19 meeting, nine were present. Slide Set No. 3, "U. S. Coins – Half Cents to Twenty Cents," was shown by J. B. Moody.

– BRUCE R. IRWIN
Secretary-Treasurer

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB – 173rd meeting Science Building of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.; 74 present; Pres. Godshall presided; auction. Plans were completed for the club's annual banquet.

Forrest Smith gave a lengthy but excellent review of Friedberg's new edition of *Paper Money of the United States.*

– LUTHER J. DECK
Secretary

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB – Oct. 4th meeting featured talks by two members. Sol Alexander, an advanced collector of the coins and currency of Mexico, described his numismatic adventures while on a trip to that country and his search for Mexican rarities and direct information on the minting of coins during the revolutionary period. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Ben Williams followed with "How to Become a Collector," in which he recounted some experiences of 45 years of coin collecting. When he started coin clubs were relatively unknown. He told of starting several coin clubs, the most recent being the club at the Long Beach Douglas Aircraft Co., with an initial membership of 60 collectors. "These clubs," he said, "have done much to advance numismatics."

A report covering the A.N.A. convention activities at Omaha was made by the club delegate.

– CHARLES M. JOHNSON
President

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB – 32nd meeting Sept. 30th McKee Street Firehouse in Floral Park Center; 20 present.

A complete unc. collection of 15 5-franc Swiss shooting festival pieces of the 19th century were displayed by Geo. H. Becht who also gave an explanation of same.

Exhibits:

V. W. Alones: Current Japan 1 yen; coins of German East Africa, 1916.

R. R. Baumann: Cents, 1816 to 1954.

Geo. H. Becht: Swiss shooting thalers.

Morris Bram: Complete unc. coins of Canada 1951 to 1955.

Robert Cohn: Unc. half dollars 1919-S, 1917-S, 1938-D.

C. J. Edgar: Cents of 1877 (20 pieces).

M. Granis: Two silver medals of Pope Pius XII; decadrachms of Marathon and Syracuse; two pieces of copper plate money of Russia.

F. M. Jenkins: Proof coins of India and Kutch; tetradrachms of Alexander and Philip.

Joseph Lunz: Gold coins of England and Greece; coins from Yemen; U. S. dollars 1801, 1886-S, 1889-CC.

Richard Picker: Higley 3 pence and electrotype; 1785 Bolen copy Confederatio.

Arthur D. Phillips: 1853 $20 gold; Lincoln medals.

Joseph Salerno: U. S. gold $1, $2.50, $10; Maria Theresa dollars.

Hugh P. Stone: One dollar gold, proof and unc.

Oscar L. Susskind: Tokens from Germany, all unc. 42 octagonal and 3 round fare tokens, Nurenberg.

W. C. Thompson: Unc. comm. half dollars; 1955 proof set.

Dr. T. A. Vince: Austria 100 schilling 1915 gold; France 100 Francs 1882; gold coins of England, Spain, France, Holland all unc., 5 dollar-size coins.

Emil Voigt: Beautiful collection of proof or unc. U. S. dollars, trade, Morgan and peace.

R. A. Yarnall: Unc. Lafayette dollar.

– V. W. ALONES
Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB – Meeting Oct. 18 at the Henry Clay hotel; Vice President English presided; 16 present; auction.

Exhibits:

Claude Steinau: Wallpaper newspaper printed during the siege of Vicksburg; record of marriage of Lincoln's parents; *Numismatist* printed in 1895.

– JOHN COSGROVE
Reporter

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB – Meeting Nov. 1 Henry Clay Hotel; Pres. Harry Tileston presided; 17 present. We showed A.N.A. slides "Coins With Special Significance."

Carl Delmuth exhibited a $5 gold piece of California, pine tree shilling (small planchet), U. S. 20c 1877, proof, U. S. pattern 20c 1875. Mr. English exhibited a collection of Lincoln cents and a collection of foreign coins.

– JOHN COSGROVE
Secretary

MEMPHIS COIN CLUB – Met Oct. 19 with a good attendance; several visitors. A committee was appointed to write new by-laws.

We have been having some good talks on coin subjects, a big help to a better club.

– W. H. BRODERICK
Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – 261st meeting Military Park Hotel in Newark on Oct. 13; 14 present; auction.

Exhibits:

Lewis O. Goodman: 1954 5c, 1953, 1954 10c, 1954 50c, all showing suction marks, file marks and die defects.

James A. Brown: Broken bank bills, $3, $6, $7, $8, $9; replica pine tree shilling by International Nickel; two Roman coins.

Anton Bardagjy: 1858LL 1c and 1867, 1868 5c.

J. F. Thatcher: Large cents, 1852 off center, 1827 and 1836 counterstamped, 1864 milled edge.

– T. L. BASKIN
Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB – 562nd meeting Oct. 14, No. 45 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.; in absence of president, Martin F. Kortjohn presided; seven present.

Exhibits:

Dr. Blanchard: Showed a collection of post-Civil War revenue stamped checks, illustrated with vignettes that had been used on pre-Civil War bank notes, together with die proofs of these vignettes mounted on the same page.

M. F. Kortjohn: 28 commemorative European coins of 20th century.

T. F. Morris: Russian notes issued under White Russian regime.

E. Taylor: Unc. cents of 1822 (N4 and N12), unc. silver dollar of 1796 (B5), new variety 1796 with obv. of B2 and new reverse die of large letters with a severe crack on right side of reverse.

T. J. Wass III: U. S. cents – 1798, S164, S170, S180, S183, S185 and S187.

C. Wormser: Brunswick Luneberg George Ludwig 1714 silver medal on accession to the throne of Great Britain.

– E. K. HESSBERG
Secretary-Treasurer

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB – 191st meeting Oct. 25th, Liberty National Bank; 17 present; Pres. J. B. Sureck presided. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibits:

Ralph Osborne: Five rare cents 1864L, 1871, 1877, 1908-S, and 1909-S.

John Overstreet: Two Civil War tokens (army and navy), a "Bungtown" cent, and an 1803 half cent.

Catherine Love: An 1838 cent carried by her grandfather for years as a pocket piece.

Jack Salinger: Mounted 1937-D "three legged Buffalo."

Victor Stangel: St. Gaudens double eagle.

M. R. Brown: An Indian Territory bank note for $20 from Bokchito, crisp.

J. Lhotka: Rare denare of the Prince of Beneventum, Adelchis (853-78), showing Frankish influence on the obverse (a "Christiana Religiose temple") and the Byzantine influence on the reverse (a cross on two steps).

M. Sauer: A mahogany coin box.

J. B. Sureck: Three medals of Columbus in honor of Columbus Day, all in mint condition.

– J. LHOTKA
Acting Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB – 207th meeting Sept. 28; Brea, Cal., Woman's Clubhouse; Pres. Winn Osborne presiding; 103 present; exhibits; refreshments; auction.

John Stoppelwerth, collector of the month, stole the show with a short but complete history of U. S. currency, the most understandable talk on this subject that has ever been given to this club. He described continental and fractional currency, state bank notes, and regular federal currency down to date. He displayed numerous state bank notes, including very rare odd denominations.

Charles Ruby spoke on his favorite subject of "Large Cents." Quoting from early Philadelphia mint records, he explained how crude minting machinery, scarcity of metals, and an epidemic of yellow fever led to so many die varieties in the early issues of the big copper coin. So convincing was he in his championing of his favorite series that not a few collectors went home with a touch of "Big Cent" fever.

– HERB BERGEN
Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – Meeting Oct. 10 in the Benson Hotel, Portland; 35 present. Future meetings will be in the Multnomah Hotel where a larger meeting room and better lighting are available. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Displays:

John Burnham, Mexican 2, 2½ and 5 pesos gold, South Africa uncirculated set and 2 English shillings.

Budd Larson: Two pillar dollars (Mexico).

Don Spencer, 19 silver crowns of world.

Joe Shearman, Buffalo nickels complete.

Dick Bailey: Commemorative half dollars.

Bob Homes: U. S. Lincoln uncirculated cents.

Geo. McLarty: Rare and old Chinese coins.

Willis Ashley: $5 gold set from each mint.

Lloyd Ruff: Alaska token, Iceland and Brazil commemoratives.

S. L. Burnaugh: Complete set of 3 cent nickels and 3 cent silver.

John Trout: Proof sets 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

J. V. McDermott: 100 ounces of pure silver, 115 pieces large cents, bundle of $5 of 10 cent shin plasters, original wrapper, $5 restrike.

– MR. AND MRS. CLYDE L. DAVIS
Secretaries

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – 475th meeting Sheraton-Palace Hotel Sept. 28; Pres. John E. Ohls presided; 40 present; auction.

Walter Gerth spoke on his paper "Ships, Coins and Traditions."

Exhibits:

Bill Tivol: Japanese bill.

Clifford Bloom: Calcutta gold tola.

Alvin Smith: Two U. S. Morgan dollars and Lincoln commemorative half dollar.

Ken Allen: Humbert $10 and coin of San Marino.

Roy Hill: Canadiana

John E. Ohls: Commemorative coins showing ships.

Earl Parker: Alaska acquisitions, Canadian $1 1955.

George Garner: Coins of Mongolia.

Michael Carr: U. S. coins.

F. C. Powell: U. S. Barber half dollars complete.

Don Rhodes: Uncut sheet of $5 notes.

Cliff Liss: Type set commemorative half dollars.

F. C. Howard: Hawaii set.

Les Lodge: U. S. regular coins, symbolic liberty and memorial type.

Kurt Loret: Coin of Marcus Aurelius.

Walter Gerth: Coins and medals showing ships.

Paul Snedaker: Lincoln cents.

L. G. Lodge talked on "The Changing Trend in Our Standard Issue Coins."

– MILTON C. STRAUCH
Pro Tem Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB – 243rd meeting, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Sept. 20; Acting President George Magee, Jr., presided; 55 present; auction.

Arthur Sipe, Asher Leatherman, and Samuel West spoke of their experiences at the Omaha convention, and the membership learned with great satisfaction of the conferring of honorary membership in the A.N.A. on club member Julius Windner.

The entertainment of the evening was a set of A.N.A. slides on spurious and real odds and ends of coinage, and the members found this set to be especially interesting.

Exhibits:

Leonard Pettitt: String of six silver dollars once used as teething pieces. This unusual exhibit was voted the best of the evening.

Alexander Kaptik: Hawaiian quarter dollar; two store cards; and two paperweights, each composed of a solidified pile of coins.

Saul Solomon: Mule of a Confederatio cent struck on a Higley copper.

Julius Windner: Plaque for 2nd award for medal exhibit at Omaha convention.

– JOSEPH A. BYERS
Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB – 244th meeting; Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Oct. 18; Acting President George Magee, Jr., presided; 56 present; auction.

The annual meeting was preceded by a banquet at which members' wives were present. Entertainment was a demonstration of a prominent oil company's "Magic Barrel," a series of exhibits illustrating modern products derived from petroleum.

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for 1955-1956:

President – George Magee, Jr.
Vice President – Joseph A. Byers.
Secretary – George J. Epley.
Treasurer – Hance Jaquett.
Member at Large – William H. Heisler.
Curator – Richard T. Hoober.

Harmer Cole was awarded the Club's certificate for the best prepared paper read before the Club during the year, "The Washington-Carver Half Dollar."

Exhibits:

Edward Schwartz: Six frames containing 675 large cents, 1793 to 1857; voted best of evening and best-of-year award in competition with the winners of the other monthly exhibits.

Saul Solomon: Engravings of paper money and parts of paper money.

Julius Windner: Seventeen beautiful medals designed by J. Otto Schweizer.

Asher Leatherman: Proof and uncirculated cents, 1856 to 1914.

Leonard Pettitt: Fifteen pieces of $.10 Meredith fractional currency with satirical designs on the portraits.

– JOSEPH A. BYERS
Secretary

RICHMOND COIN CLUB – 171st meeting Byrd Park community house. John Britt, a club member formerly a patient in McGuire Veterans Hospital, is now at home in Chester, Va. Sam Gregario, another member, is planning to leave McGuire in a short time.

James A. Johnson resigned as the board member to M.A.N.A., representing Richmond and was replaced by Frank Cluverius, President of our club.

An installation dinner is being planned for the December meeting.

– IRMA LEE HARDEE
Recording Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – 948th meeting Oct. 4th; Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 51 present; Pres. Howard F. Osterman presided.

The program for this evening was a talk on U. S. large cents by Edward A. Gilroy. Mr. Gilroy, with the aid of slides, gave an excellent account of their history. An explanation of the various varieties of each year along with the reference books on this subject were among the highlights.

Exhibits:

Dr. John M. MacMillan: Canadian 5 cents silver, 1858 to 1921.

George J. Bauer: 16 multiple crowns of Saxony.

Norman F. Prince: Silver coins of Turkey, struck at Brussa in the 13th century for Othman or Osman 1st, first Sultan of Turkey.

Edward A. Gilroy: Large selection of U. S. large cents.

Walter B. Coston: Overdates and uncirculated large cents.

John J. Pittman: U. S. cents – 1793, 1799 and 1804, proof 1821; U. S. $20 1907 through 1915; three books on large cents, Andrews, Doughty and Frossard.

– MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – 949th meeting Oct. 18th; Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 48 present; Pres. Howard F. Osterman presided.

W. T. A. Durand spoke on "Oddities in Paper Money Before 1860." Mr. Durand traced the history of paper as a commodity of trade and exchange from the earliest times to bank notes. Various types of these notes from different eras were described. He showed some very fine examples of this type of currency.

Exhibits:

Dr. John M. MacMillan: 108 different English tokens.

George J. Bauer: 16 tetradrachms of Carthage.

W. T. A. Durand: Uncirculated bank notes of the West River bank, Jamaica, Vt. $1, $2, $3 and $5; Ames Business college, Syracuse, N. Y. (student currency); business card of Lithographers bank, Buffalo, N. Y. U. S. Cent 1801, 3 errors; half dollar 1809 with overstrike.

Barney Bloom: Proof 1891 thaler of Bavaria.

Edward A. Gilroy: $10 national bank note, 1902, Citizens National Bank of Hornell; U. S. 1914-D cent unc.; cent 1823/2; cent 1805, S-268; cent 1803 S-253.

Edmund J. Cox: Quarters 1804 to 1807 including 1806 over 5; quarters 1916 to 1930 inclusive.

Floyd B. Newell: "Essay on Irish Coins" by Simons.

James I. McGowan: 1954-S dime unc. minus designer's initials.

– MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN
Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB – Meeting Oct. 20th, V.F.W. clubhouse; Pres. Yribarne presided; 48 present; auction.

Lloyd Blue presented a slate of officers for 1956.

Program Chairman Brian Burke showed some excellent slides of ancient coins mounted by this club's members. These boys have perfected some eye pleasing colored backgrounds, and if you want to

see how good your coins are, have them photographed.

– L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – 220th meeting, YMCA auditorium, 1115 Eighth Ave.; Pres. James J. Andersen presided; 64 present.

Exhibits:

Leonel Panosh: ANA convention photos, foreign coins including coins from Siam, Libya, Greece, Somalia and so forth.

Paul Hamm: Canadian and U. S. silver dollars.

Lyle Gordon: Continental currency and colonial coins.

– LYLE GORDON
Secretary

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – Oct. 3, 221st meeting, Pres. James J. Andersen presided; 66 present; auction; refreshments. Atwood MacDonald reported on the new Friedberg *Paper Money of the United States* and gave a general talk on the prices prevailing on U. S. currency. Exhibits were: A display of coins, tickets and other media concerning the Columbian exposition by James J. Andersen.

– LYLE GORDON
Secretary

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB – 108th meeting Oct. 3, Hotel De Anza; Austen Warburton presided; 25 present; auction.

Mary Harris presented everyone with a wooden nickel from Sparks, Nev.

Roy Hill described his recent trip to the Bank of Canada and the Canadian convention. He introduced Dennis Olswang, featured speaker of the evening, who gave an excellent talk on "Canadian Numismatic History."

Exhibits: Fred Monteagle, San Francisco mint and Carson City mint dies and memorabilia; A. W. Ritchie, Chinese paper money; Sam Crisafulli, Confederate paper money; Roy Hill, Canadian coins and numismatic material; George Kohl, *Guide Book of U. S. Coins* and late periodicals.

– BEVERLY GAYLE SMITH
Secretary

TORONTO COIN CLUB – Meeting of September 24th, 16 present; Pres. Vincent G. Greene presided.

Mr. Greene told of the convention of the C.N.A. and expressed pleasure at the large turnout from the club. He also gave numerous examples of new high prices established for Canadian coins at the convention auction.

– PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

TORONTO COIN CLUB – Met jointly with the Hamilton Chapter of the Canadian Numismatic Association, in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Oct. 22nd. Pres. V. G. Greene was in the chair; 36 present.

Gerald E. Wellburn, of Duncan, B. C., related an amusing tale of his chase after a $20 gold piece of British Columbia which successfully eluded him.

Fred Jarrett was the main speaker. He gave an illustrated talk on Indian arrowheads and other archeological items found in different parts of Canada, including wampum, pipes, spearheads, tomahawks and other items. The talk was much enhanced by exhibits from his vast collection of Canadaiana.

– PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

TRI-CITY COIN CLUB – Our version of the $64,000.00 double or nothing quiz was the highlight of the entertainment at our annual banquet held at the Plantion Club, Oct. 20. Over 50 collectors and friends were present.

It was moved that we submit our bid to secure Davenport as the site for the 1956 convention of the Iowa Numismatic Association.

– BOB HENDRICK
Secretary and Treasurer

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – Meeting Oct. 4 in Carnegie museum library; Pres. DeVos presiding. 21 present. Richard T. Foley spoke on "Early History of Canada and the Coins and Tokens of the Various Provinces of Canada."

Exhibits:

James Hendel: 20c piece 1875, unc.; type set U. S. quarters; type set U. S. silver dollars.

W. A. Gaede: U. S. paper money in $20, $10, $5 and $2 denominations; U. S. gold $1, $2.50 and $3.

Meyer Goddy: Five U. S. silver dollars, 13 half dollars between 1917 and 1953; 2-1926S U. S. quarters; freak U. S. 1941 quarter, 1 Australian shilling, 1943; 1-1955D nickel; 1 silver plated 1953D cent; Italian 5c, 1941.

C. O. Stockdale: U. S. silver dollars: 1795 flowing hair, 1795 bust type, 1797, 1798 heraldic eagle, 1803, 1836 Gobrecht proof, 1843, 1872, 1879, 1928, 1900 Lafayette dollar.

D. L. Davis: U. S. Franklin half dollars 1948-1954.

Richard T. Foley: 400 early Canadian coins and tokens before 1900.

– RICHARD T. FOLEY
Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB – 415th meeting Oct. 12th, Hotel Carter; in the absence of Russell Poxon, Vice President McNamara presided; 28 present; auction. Entertainment consisted of A.N.A. slide program No. 17.

Displays:

Dr. Sargis: Wooden medals, 1876 centennial expo. of Gens. Jos. Hanley and Alfred T. Goshorn; crowns of Mexico, Guatemala and Peru.

Jos. Lukas: Napoleonic medals in case; complete set of Canadian dollars unc. in plastic holder.

Nate Gold: 1955 U. S. proof set.

Fred Rosenthal: Three Eisenhower medals and nine Columbus medals.

Fred Brew: 1937 proof set South Africa original case. Crowns of Cyprus, Algiers and Morocco.

Judge Sawicki: Five Columbus medals; bronze medal struck in Genoa, Italy; iron medal from Chicago head of Columbus, Rev. landing of Chris. Two proof sets.

Edgar Bell: 22 different dates of early ½ dollar; 1892-93 Columbian halves, 1876 centennial and Nevada dollars.

– FRED N. HAHLEN
Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB – 96th meeting Oct. 5 at Wolf's cafeteria starting with a dinner; Pres. Craig presided; 44 present; auction. Lloyd Phillips gave a very interesting talk on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

– MARGARET K. CRON
Secretary

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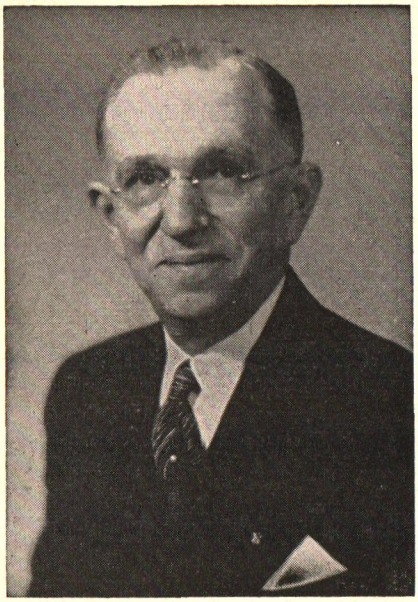

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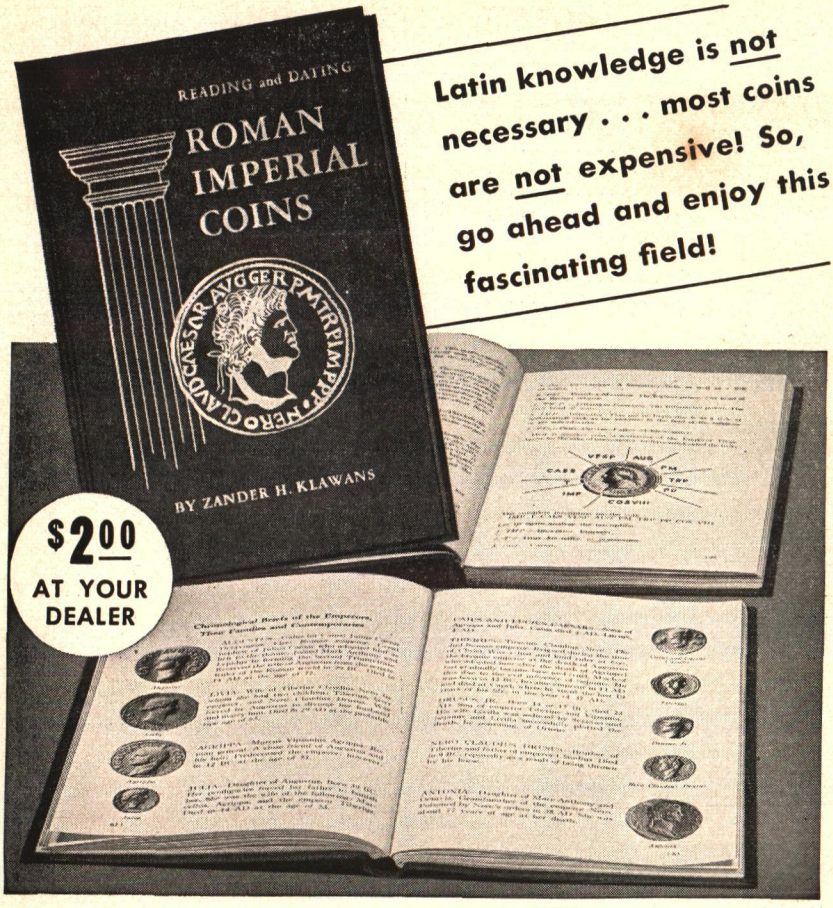

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1936-P-D-S Each	7.60
1937-P	5.00
1939-P	4.50
1940-P	3.60
1940-S-D Each	5.50
1941-P-D Each	3.60
1942-P-D Each	1.25
1943-S	7.60
1943-P-D Each	1.25
1944-P-D-S Each	.90
1945-P-D-S Each	.90
1946-P-D-S Each	.90
1947-D-S Each	1.35
1947-P	2.85
1948-P-D-S Each	2.50
1949-D	3.75
1949-P	3.55
1950-D-S-P Each	2.30
1951-S	3.60
1951-P-D Each	1.00
1952-P-D Each	1.00
1952-S	2.50
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1954-D Each	.75
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1939-S	135.00
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1942-P	3.00
1942-S	3.55
1942 Type I	5.30
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1943-P-D-S Each	3.30
1944-P-D Each	2.75
1945-P-D-S Each	2.75
1946-P-D Each	2.75
1947-P-D-S Each	2.85
1948-P-D-S Each	3.60
1949-P-D Each	4.30
1950-P	11.55
1950-D	9.60
1951-D	7.60
1952-P-S Each	2.75
1953-P-D-S Each	2.60
1954-P-D Each	2.60
1954-S	3.00
1955-D-P Each	2.50

ROLLS (50) UNC. DIMES

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1939-D	13.00
1940-S-D Each	20.00
1940-P	15.00
1942-P-D Each	$ 8.50
1943-P-D Each	8.50
1943-S	9.50
1944-P-D Each	8.00
1945-P-D-S Each	7.30
1946-D-P Each	12.50
1947-S	25.00
1948-S	27.50
1949-D	15.10
1950-D	15.00
1951-P-D Each	9.60
1953-S	7.55
1953-P-D Each	6.35
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1954-S	6.50
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1950-S	20.00
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1866	2.00	2.50	4.00	7.25	9.50	11.00	.....
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1868	2.00	2.50	4.00	6.75	9.00	10.00	.....
1869	2.75	3.25	5.25	9.25	13.25	16.00	.....
1870	3.25	4.00	6.00	10.50	15.00	17.50	.....
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1873	.75	1.25	2.25	3.25	4.50	5.50	.....
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1880	.15	.25	.40	1.25	1.75	2.25	.....
1881	.15	.25	.50	1.25	1.75	2.50	5.50
1882	.15	.25	.50	1.25	1.75	2.25	4.50
1883	.15	.25	.40	.80	1.35	1.75	3.50
1884	.25	.40	.75	1.40	1.75	2.50	5.25
1885	.60	.80	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.75	9.25
1886	.40	.55	1.00	1.50	2.50	3.50	5.75
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1890	.05	.10	.25	.45	.75	1.25	.....
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1893	.05	.10	.20	.40	.65	1.00	3.00
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1895	.05	.10	.20	.40	.65	1.00	4.50
1896	.05	.10	.20	.40	.75	1.50	4.75
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1904	....	.05	.10	.20	.30	.50	2.00
1905	....	.05	.10	.15	.25	.40	1.75
1906	....	.05	.10	.15	.20	.30	1.75
1907	....	.05	.10	.15	.20	.30	2.00
1908	.05	.10	.15	.20	.25	.50	2.00
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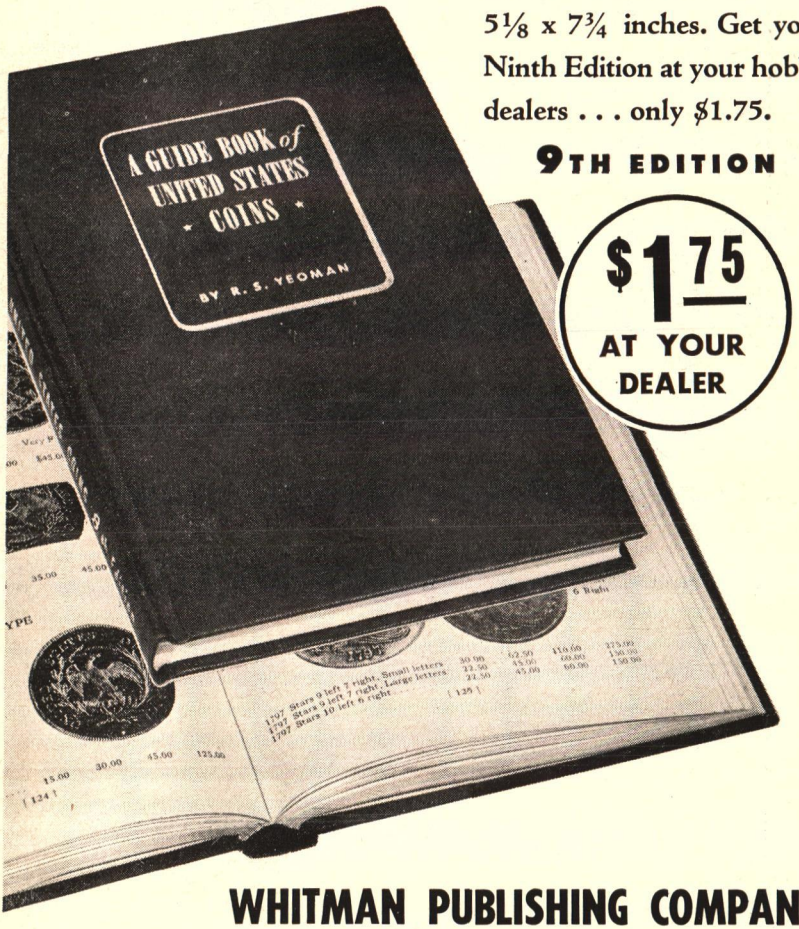

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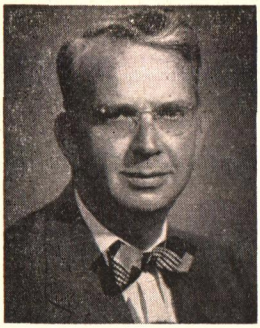

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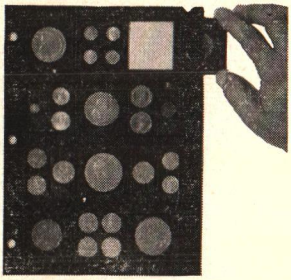

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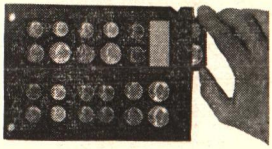

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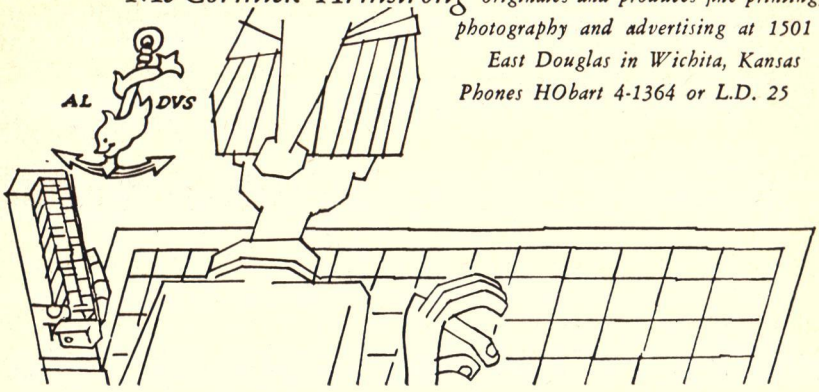

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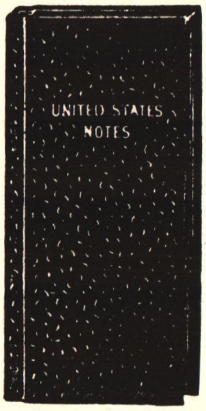

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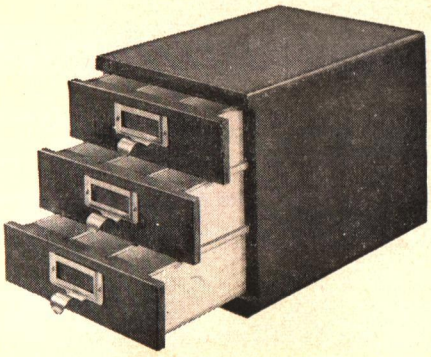

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